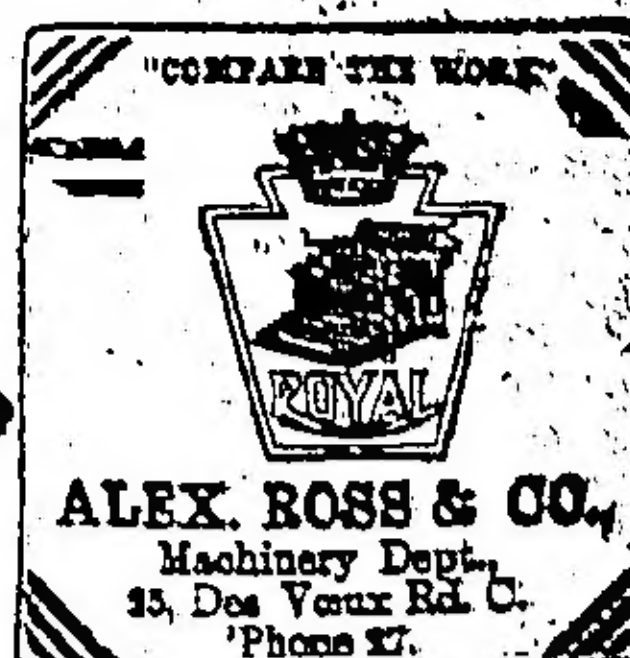


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JAPANESE INVASION OF SIBERIA.

"CONSIDERABLE AND INCREASING."

LONDON, December 19.
In the House of Commons W. Churchill said the principal Allied forces now in Russia are the American and Japanese contingents in Siberia. He declined to disclose the numbers but said the number of Japanese was considerable and increasing.
[American citizens understand that they have only Red Cross men in Russia; no American "forces."]

TWO SHIPS ON FIRE.

LONDON, December 19.
Fire occurred on another ex-German liner, the "Boonah" from Melbourne, lying in the Albert Dock. Serious damage was done.
A telegram from New York states that serious damage was done by fire on the United States transport "Dekalb," formerly the German raider "Prinz Eitel Friedrich."

KOREANS REACH PARIS TOO LATE.

PARIS, December 19.
The Chicago Tribune states that Yuanqi and Gotcham, Korean Delegates, have arrived in Paris to express to the peace conference the views of a million Koreans on the right of Korea to independence. The delegates were disappointed to find that the conference had finished work. They left Korea on Feb. 5 but were delayed by lack of transport, money, and the length of the voyage from Omsk to Archangel. They arrived at Archangel in July and after a delay of six weeks, owing to transport difficulties, they got authority to leave by steamer for Norway. Thence they travelled to Britain and France.

THE WEEK'S CHAT.

Any one who is expecting me to indulge in my usual criticism and witicism at the expense of transgressors of good form, or of any minor errors, will be disappointed in my chat this week.

I am in an angelic mood, perhaps the shadow of Xmas charity and goodwill is upon me, or perhaps I am lulled to a pathetic belief in the milk of human kindness, as a result of a satisfactory week devoted almost entirely to the pursuit of amusement.

The occupation of amusement is an excellent tonic when it is not overdone. When it becomes too much of a habit and a part of one's daily existence, it degenerates into duty and routine and is almost as bad as the Monday morning feeling, when a man goes back to office and the old fashioned housewife counts the family laundry.

The week's doings have been amusing and entertaining and for Hongkong full of variety.

We have had an exhibition of pictures to give us a mental flip; we have had a reception on board the "Tamar," when Commodore and Mrs. Garner, and their daughter entertained practically everybody in Hongkong starting with His Excellency the Governor. Everything was most delightfully done and went with a great swing. First there was a concert, with some well-known local amateur performers who put up an excellent programme. After the concert, there was dancing and then like Cinderella everyone rushed off to catch the Peak car, the last car, which even if it cannot turn into a pumpkin, can be a pretty thorough wash out, if you have not arranged for an extra.

There have been several dances private and otherwise. In fact, there has been something to do every night, in spite of the American astronomer prophet, who predicted the demise of this earth or at any rate, a pretty strenuous fight for existence, at the untimely age of 1919 years, minus all the B.C.s, of which there are too many for my ill-regulated genuine mind to keep count.

Well the 19th is over—that, I believe, was the time limit—and all the extraordinary collisions between the sun and the astral bodies seem to have taken place without upsetting our mental or physical equilibrium. In fact we have enjoyed an altogether delightful spell of good weather, and continue to exist undisturbed, in a perfectly good world. Let us congratulate ourselves and each other, for no matter how much we grouse about our little lot in life and our little woes, we should all have to have to leave it.

I have just thought of another reason for the genial mental state, in which I find myself. I am so thoroughly pleased with Hongkong's response to the call to "Dance for France." It is satisfactory to see what can be done by determination, good organization and enthusiasm. I remember when Mrs. Basil Taylor started her campaign to raise funds for Devastated France, there was the usual cry of English for England, and all that sort of thing. At least 60 per cent. of the people who discussed the subject said, that they had no sym-

pathy with the call and even to-day many assert that our energies and generosity are being wasted, and that we should look after our own people. We certainly should look after our own people, but if each of the Allies had stood for themselves alone during the war, Germany would have realized her fondest ambitions and would now be the dominant power; and we should all be singing a feeble accompaniment of wailing defeat, to her solo of triumph, instead of having Peace Conferences, and a League of Nations.

Surely the mere fact that we are strong to work together in this great League is sufficient reason to help each other in every possible way. That the tide of public opinion has learned to see this point of view is indicated by the interest evidenced in the many clever posters adorning the walls of the town and by the big demand for tickets for the Masked Ball and Cabaret and by the generous support of any of the schemes. The publicity committee is to be congratulated on its thoroughly businesslike and up-to-date methods. No one has had a chance to forget the Devastated Regions and it will be interesting to learn the final results of the money making campaign.

Pansy Day was quite a pretty sight. Ever so many young girls and women carrying baskets of passies raided the offices and buildings in town, and held up passengers in the streets. Robbery under arms was the order of the day. One girl went so far as to do the pirate stunt and boarding a launch landed at a distant part of the island and secured a considerable sum which would otherwise have gone uncollected, and instead of being met with armed opposition, she received her donation with the sugared words of "all in a good cause." She was rather an adventurous person. I am told that she excelsiored some terrible Chinese stair-case, under escort of course, and landed a considerable sum from some wealthy and generous Chinese gentlemen. It is wonderful, what a lot of adventure and fun can be got out of good work; if you only approach it, in the right spirit. You can have all the thrills of victory and success at a very small cost of energy. And you have the satisfaction of feeling that you have done something worth while.

I have been asked by a lover of nature to say that it is possible to have too much of a good thing in the way of idleness. My artistic correspondent objects to the tidiness of the Chinese Peak cleaners, who are employed presumably by the Forestry Department. She writes, "They sweep away all the beautiful autumn leaves, and pick out every vestige of fern or wild undergrowth from the red earth banks, thus leaving ugly harsh, and sore looking gashes instead of verdure clad banks, and brilliant colouring which could be in keeping with the nature beauty of our scenery." The banks certainly would look softer, with the natural foliage. It is quite possible however, that in a land of snakes and other pests it is safer to have a cleared space near the road. I have seen snakes crossing the Harleek Road in summer time, and they are not pleasant things to see.

CHINESE TELEGRAMS.

TRANSLATED AND
COMPRESSED.

[By Arrangement with the Wah Tat Yat Po.]

SHANGHAI, Dec. 19.

China is negotiating a railway loan of ten million francs.

As a preliminary to pourparlers on the Foochow affair, Japanese warships are asked to retire. The Japanese say they must stop till the boycott is ended.

The Chinese Minister in Tokyo is not allowed to resign. His name is Lau Kang Yan.

An Italian aeroplane flew about over Shanghai yesterday.

A deficit of five million dollars is estimated in China's budget for the year.

Mass meetings protesting against Japanese doings are still reported. Hankow had one.

ANOTHER ARMED ROBBERY REPORTED.

A Chinese named Chan Lam living at No. 302 Reclamation Street reports that while he was asleep in his cubicle at about 3.15 this morning, he was awakened by some one pulling away his bed clothes. When he opened his eyes he saw five men, two of whom were armed with revolvers and a third man had a dagger. The other two men who were unarmed dragged him out of the bed and bound his hands and feet with ropes. After gagging him, they went into his wife's cubicle and stole from her a pair of gold mounted bangles and a pair of earrings. They also stole a pair of jade bangles from his daughter and took another pair of jade bangles from a drawer. Altogether eight pieces of jewellery valued at \$31.60 were stolen. The burglars then ransacked the house and stole 20 pieces of clothing valued at \$20 and \$22.50 in money. The intruders stayed in the house for over half an hour. They must have gained access to the house by one of them putting his hand through a broken pane of glass and releasing the catch of a window at the back of the house. No arrests have yet been made.

DEATH OF SERGT. DEVNEY.

It is with much regret that we have to record the death of yet another member of the Police Force, in the person of Crown Sgt. P. F. Devney, who passed peacefully away at the Government Civil Hospital this morning. The deceased who was 43 years of age and a native of Yorkshire, is one of the oldest members of the Force. He arrived here in March 1900 together with C.R.O. Jack Wildin and several other Civil Sergeants. Sergeant Devney who was attached to the Central Station fell ill with Bright's disease some three months ago and went to the Civil Hospital. He was discharged on Oct. 24 and was transferred to the Water Police Station where he was on duty until about a week ago when he was again admitted to the G.C.H. suffering from a complication of ailments and was practically paralysed at the time of his death. The deceased officer who was unmarried was to have retired on pension next March when he would have completed 20 years' service with the Force. He has an aged mother in England. The funeral will pass the Monument at 5.30 p.m. to-day.

There is great excitement on the Peak about the Xmas tree at the Peak Hotel. All sorts of preparations are going forward to ensure that Santa Claus shall have a right Royal welcome. He will appear somewhere in the region of 6 p.m. Before that, there will be dancing and tea, a magician and a good many minor surprises. Old and young are to be amused, and when every one is tired up to the right pitch there will be the whirling of wings or perhaps only a sound of muffled foot steps and Santa Claus will enter, and do the honours. I have not heard whether he is visiting any other houses in Hongkong, during his annual visit.

THE GOSSIP.

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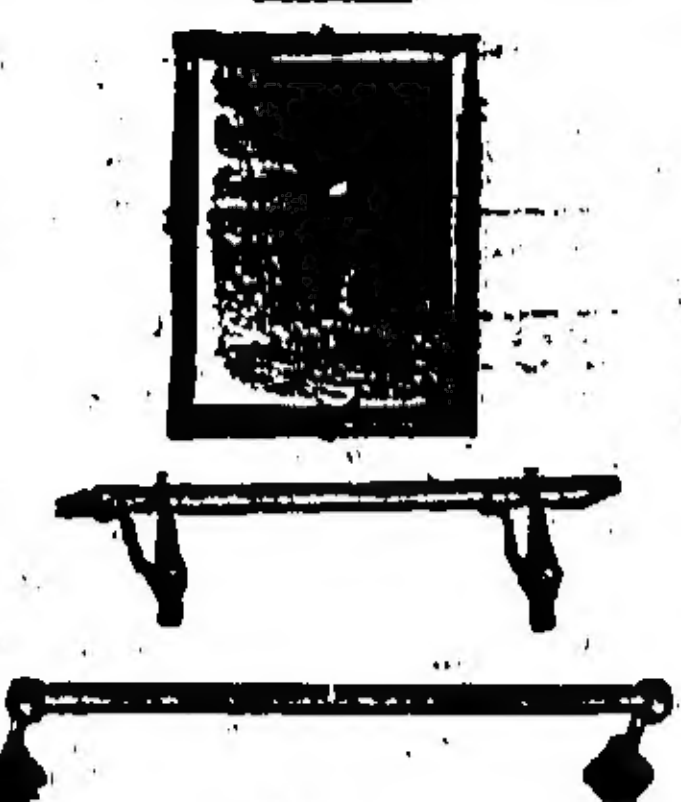
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(a) Labour; a revision of the hours on a reasonable basis and increased output. Failing that:

(b) Economy in cost of production by means of tractors and labour-saving machinery.

(c) Cheapening of artificial manures.

(d) Relief in local taxation and possibly also in Imperial. The farmer should be rated on his house and buildings only, as are the village grocer and blacksmith, &c.—he should not be assessed on his raw material, i.e., his land, whilst some burdens at present on the local rates should undoubtedly be transferred to Imperial taxes.

(e) Relief from the present bureaucratic control and interference with agriculture and its associated industries, which, we trust, will speedily come.

(f) Improvement and development of agricultural education and research, particularly in the direction of economically increasing the fertility of the soil, and the production and selection of the best varieties of seeds having the highest standard of germination. Here again there is much room for improvement and progress on the ordinary English farm. By active progress on the lines indicated, and in other directions, rather than in a policy of laissez-faire, the trust and best interests of British agriculture.

"PRODUCTION THE KEY NOTE."

In the discussion which followed Mr. Patterson (Staffs.) said that until people were prepared to pay reasonable prices for food there could be no prosperous agriculture. The politicians were doing much harm in continuing the unrest and dissatisfaction which had followed the years of strain through which the nation had passed. Town dwellers were not yet prepared to give proper prices for food raised by country workers. Until they were educated in that matter the country would not return to a financially sound position.

Mr. Falconer remarked that if the country was to pay its way it could do it on arable cultivation and not on grass-land farming. Orders emanating from the Wages Board were doing much to check the wheels of agriculture. The "line of least resistance" in giving up arable cultivation and laying down grass, was the wrong line for agriculture and for the British nation. Production was their keynote, and if the British farmer could not produce, he could not economise. The policy of the present Government tended to stop production and not increase it.

Lord Bledisloe said what the British farmer wanted was not booming prices, but some security for the future. A feeling of insecurity pervaded the agricultural industry. The labour difficulty did not exhaust the whole area of insecurity predominating in the agricultural interest today. Our whole future depended upon our productivity. No Government, unless it was a Bolshevik one—could possibly do other than promote and encourage in every way the maximum production from our soils.

The Government had put upon the land hundreds of thousands of settlers. No Government could do that and allow those men to starve. It was up to the Government to see that those men get their living out of the soil. The policy of the Government must be such that these men would be able to keep themselves. We must win from our land a large number of economic productions. Nothing must be done to reduce the potato crop, which had been the backbone of German agricultural enterprise. In the future we must improve the quality as well as the bulk of our foodstuffs and our food animals. Wheat and potatoes were being immensely improved, but our cattle and pigs were still open to much more improvement. An average yield of thirty-two bushels of wheat per acre was an insufficient average for this country. Sixty bushels of wheat to the acre ought to be the British average. The average yield of our commercial cows was as yet but ten gallons per week. It would have to go up to sixteen to twenty gallons per week. There was much depending upon the milk supply of this country, and more social interest was attached to milk than to any other production.

SAVAGE DEATH RITUAL.

NIGHT FESTIVAL OF THE EDDYSTONE ISLANDERS.

In the Anthropology Section of the British association, Mr. A. Hocart described a curious form of death ritual in the Eddystone Island of the Solomons. The Eddystone Islanders, he said, exposed the bodies of their dead in the embryonic position. After the funeral four men caught the soul on a drecaena leaf and a riaz, in order to secure the soul's services in divination. The widow might be strangled, but more often she was confined in a small enclosure with her knees drawn up; she might not wear any finery, nor eat of food cooked in the house.

On the fourth day a big feast was held, at which a "long prayer" was recited which enabled the soul later on to go to the land of the dead; but in the meantime it went to wait in the cave at the top of the highest hill. After ten or twelve days the skull was fetched away and put in the sun to bleach. The next event was a small feast called "Bathing." On the eighteenth day the skull was put into the skull-house by the mortuary priest, who made a burnt offering of pudding. On the thirty-sixth day a small feast was held and four baskets were burnt. On that day the ghosts came to take away the dead to the land of dead. Sometimes a seance was held at night to converse with the ghosts, who answered by whistling.

Life in the other world was exactly as in this world, only it went on at night. On the fifteenth day was a big feast, which closed the series for ordinary people. The day before they buried the string on which the days, or rather nights, were counted, and put a basket into the skull-house. For chiefs they had a feast on the hundredth night; then, after a lapse of time which depended upon supplies, they held the final celebration or Night Festival, which was one of the great events in Eddystone. In olden days it appears to have been often combined with the great head-hunting feast.

Sir Henry Row, who regretted that the stock of sheep in the country was dwindling, said the British farmer was the most ineffective politician in the world, but he knew his business as well as anyone else in the world, and had no reason to be ashamed of what he could do.

Other speakers hoped for a clear statement from the Premier to-day, and one which would bring security to the industry and settle for ever the question whether arable cultivation should be increased or more land should go down to grass.

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HONGKONG, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1919.

CONTEMPT OF COURT.

"CHINA MAIL" ON
TO-DAY.

(Continued from Page 5.)

Mr. Alabaster: I shall endeavour to show by authorities it is not contempt, but I commenced by stating that the alleged contempt is the prejudice of the trial and I submit that this comment would in no way prejudice the trial of the prisoner, because that is the only contempt alleged. Then they go on. "Again we have to admit that the reporter's account"—always saving themselves from trying to convey to any jury that it is necessarily true. "That is the second time they have stated it; in first paragraph and the beginning of the second." And that the prisoner's advocate may have made a better fight than he is represented to have done. "Again they guard themselves. It is all a criticism of a reporter's report so far. "On the story as it stands"—I do not know how much more they could guard themselves than they have—"this must be our criticism. All this harping on the man's demeanour, whether he was calm, whether he turned pale, was waste of time, either to convict or acquit him. We cannot understand how professional men." So it is perfectly clear that it was the prisoner's advocate's argument that was being criticised, not the evidence at all. "We cannot understand how professional men can be so simple as to suppose these things are evidence. The biggest cheats and the biggest liars can have the most brazen fronts. Have we not the recent instance of a northern contemporary's comment on the appearance of the Count de Toulouse-Lautrec de Savigney of whom it was said that 'honesty beamed in every line of his face.' He was a childish cheat, his frauds all being as transparent as his own mental state which was one of mania. After they have bullied him for a while longer his malady will increase and he will think he is the Tsar of Russia." It goes then into another matter, the study of psychology in relation to material facts.

Mr. Alabaster then read further extracts from the paragraph reading "The point we would have laboured at her as magistrate or counsel was this man's presence at the bank. If there is one place where planters of flash paper do not go to operate it is the bank. Was there, we would have asked, any evidence that the man had tried to cash them elsewhere." They do not say they know what the evidence was before the Magistrate; they rely on the reporter's story and they ask "if there was any further evidence."

Coming to the statement "Here is the occasion of our interest in this case" Mr. Alabaster said: They state here why they write. They are writing this in the public interest, not because of the trial.

The Chief Justice observed that that might be said about any case.

Mr. Alabaster: He has stated that the interest is not discussing the question of the guilt or innocence of the prisoner as in the course of the next few words you will see. "It is in the public interest, bad money is common here. We are constantly receiving it and as constantly passing it again. Not knowingly of course." It is a warning to the people to be more careful in the examination of money they receive.

The Chief Justice remarked that those words would go to establish the absence of *mens rea*. It would be a good argument for counsel for the defence that money is being passed off. It was all prejudicial in favour of the innocence of the accused in the fact that he had no guilty knowledge. It was comment which counsel would address to a jury.

Mr. Alabaster: The object of this article was to warn the public to use greater care because in the absence of greater care than the public usually shows the unpleasantness of arrest and even committal may result. This case therefore is used as a peg on which to hang a disposition on the prevalence of bad money. It was used as a peg. It was not the subject matter of the article, it was the text on which the article was written, just as a clergyman takes a text and on that bases his sermon.

The Chief Justice: It is possible that there was no intention to commit contempt. The point is whether the article constitutes contempt.

Mr. Alabaster: I will give authorities to show that it does not but I thought it would be better to make your Lordships *au fait* with the article.

Counsel then read further extracts from the article which ended "The face is not a faithful index of the soul."

This is the text of the whole argument: that the face is not a faithful index of the soul. There is no one reading that article, without prejudice, I submit, who could possibly read it as an attempt to bias a jurymen either one way or the other in the trial of this particular individual. It might bias a jurymen one way or the other in the trial of any individual that he may be called upon throughout his future life to consider that he was a reader of articles on physiognomy in relation to crime. So are all articles on medical jurisprudence, generally. The text of this article, a perfectly fair text, is contained in the last two lines—"the face is not a faithful index to the soul"—and without mentioning any names, as the context generally shows, they take the case not on the evidence offered but merely state the story of what happened or more probably a part of what happened, because there was nothing to indicate the reporter was present throughout and heard all the evidence. I will supplement these comments of these six articles, every one of which is equally alleged to prejudice this man in his trial, by reading to your Lordship the affidavit which Mr. Burnett has filed in answer.

Mr. G. W. C. Burnett filed an affidavit in which he stated, *inter alia* that he took upon himself full responsibility for the articles in the *China Mail* of December 11 and which he read and approved before publication. He had no intention of showing any disrespect or contempt of court or of any intention whatsoever of endeavouring to prejudice the fair trial of the accused person either in his favour or against him in the event of his being brought for trial, but regarded the paragraphs as being partly in the nature of a warning to the public of the possibility of any person being arrested and committed for trial should he pay over to the bank money which was in fact bad and consequently should take greater care than heretofore to ascertain that money received was actually good; and partly criticism on the value of demeanour generally and the effects of nervousness and temperament thereon. He had the fullest respect for the laws of the Colony and Courts of this Colony and if this honourable Court should be of opinion that the publication of the articles in question was a contempt he desired to apologise for that publication.

His Lordship: On the face of that statement we say at once that we accept the assurance there was no intention to either commit contempt of court or prejudice the trial on the honourable assurance given by Mr. Burnett.

Mr. Alabaster: Then your Lordship will make a discharge rule?

His Lordship: No. Whether the article itself was contempt is quite another matter. We must see whether the law permits such comment.

Mr. Alabaster said he must continue his quotations of the authorities. He would quote the law of the land later since he had a mass of it. The question was, was there contempt of court and were the proceedings in this trial under the circumstances, justified? Were their Lordships justified in exercising jurisdiction which the learned Attorney General had asked their Lordships to exercise in the case? He wished to say first of all that it is the jurisdiction that the Court exercises with the greatest caution and greatest reluctance. They did not exercise hastily the powers vested in the Court and the Court never failed to act upon, to refrain from exercising jurisdiction unless the Court felt that it was justified in doing so and the offence was such that no other course could be followed.

Counsel then made some references to cases cited in Halsbury in support of his argument which was to the effect that such an application must be carefully looked into and a case should be resorted to only where the criticism of the administration of justice may prejudice the particular case.

Mr. Alabaster at this stage informed the Court that the Attorney-General told him it was a fact that in this particular case he had declined to file an indictment. Their Lordships would no doubt take that into consideration.

His Lordship: What did you say?

Mr. Alabaster: This man is not to be put up for trial.

Counsel then quoted further authorities and said that there were no rights to be protected. How could their Lordships commit? He had made two points so far. They could not commit except in an extreme case where it was absolutely necessary for the preservation of men's rights they should, and if the case was not one in which they should commit and which they did not ask their Lordships to commit but where the only object was to secure an apology and costs it was their Lordships' duty to

BILLIARDS.

PALACE HOTEL HANDICAP.

Some good playing was seen in the above Handicap last night when C. Hart—20, met and defeated J. Foulds—150, by 70 points.

The game was very consistent, double figure breaks being very frequent but although Foulds played up well, Hart would not be denied and ran out a winner. Final Scores: C. Hart—20, 250. Chief breaks 16 14 14. J. Foulds—150, 180. Chief breaks 18 18 17 16.

At 9 p.m. another good game was seen when F. L. Cooke—125 met A. G. S. Morton—125.

Both these players starting from the same mark were in a determined mood and started very carefully, giving nothing away. Morton gradually drew ahead until he was 47 in front. Cooke nothing daunted kept compiling useful breaks until finally he drew up to his opponent and continuing with confidence, ran out the winner by 45 points. Final scores: Cooke—125, 250. Morton—125, 205.

Cooke's chief breaks were 21, 19, 18, 17, 16, 15, and Morton 28, 18, 16, 15.

On Monday night at 9 p.m. E. D. Golding—200 meets Blenkison—40 in the semi-final.

discourage the application by refusing to exercise jurisdiction.

His Lordship: At this stage we know nothing about what the Crown is asking for.

Mr. Alabaster replied that he had tried to deal with that in anticipation. He had dealt with two alternatives (and could deal with a third if it was brought up), either for asking for a committal or whether they would be content with an apology and costs. He held that it was not a case when their Lordships should deal with on the basis of accepting an apology and costs because any application for apology and costs are to be discouraged. It was not his fault that he had not heard any argument and did not know what the case for the Crown was. They now knew that there was to be no trial at all to be prejudiced.

His Lordship: As a matter of fact has a *nolle prosequi* been entered?

The Attorney General: Yes. It was entered after the commencement of these proceedings.

Counsel then proceeded to argue at length that to prejudice a trial there must be a trial in which somebody could be prejudiced. That was the foundation of the contempt.

His Lordship: Supposing there was a case in which there was a defendant and the prisoner concerned died before a criminal trial?

Mr. Alabaster: Your Lordship means before the prisoner was called upon to deliver an answer to the alleged contempt? I should say in that case that no proceedings could be taken on the grounds of the authorities I have given because the particular contempt which would prejudice the trial cannot be contempt of court unless the trial takes place. That would be fortunate for the newspaper. In this particular case it is fortunate for the newspaper because it relieves it of any liability which it might otherwise have laid itself open to. It is a similar sort of case to those which occurred before Lord Campbell's act where it was said it was cheaper to kill a passenger than to injure him in a railway accident. Before Lord Campbell's act someone is injured in a railway accident and breaks his leg and the Company is, no doubt liable. If before the trial comes on the man dies then the railway company is relieved of its responsibility.

His Lordship: In that case it is only the individual himself who is affected. In this particular case it is the administration of justice that is affected.

Mr. Alabaster replied that it did not take in the administration of justice generally, in the alleged contempt. It was whether the indictment showed that it was this particular trial which would be prejudiced by the comments referred to.

His Lordship: You are only here to answer an allegation made against you that you have done something which will obstruct the administration of justice in one particular trial.

Counsel proceeded to quote further authorities at considerable length in support of his argument.

His Lordship: In other words you say that the article referred to will not prejudice the trial at all because there is to be no trial?

Counsel replied in the affirmative and after further argument the hearing was adjourned until Tuesday morning.

WEATHER REPORT.

December 20d. 1919. 33m.—No returns from Japanese stations. Pressure changes are everywhere slight the anticyclone remaining practically stationary. Fresh to strong winds on will prevail along the China coast, and over the North China Sea.

Hourly Rainfall for the 24 hours ending 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inch. For 1st January 1st, 78.13 inches. Same as average of 82.70 inches.

For the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. December 21st.

The barometer at 10 a.m. N.E. winds fresh; 61.0.

Thermometer. The same as on 19th.

South coast of China. The same as on 19th.

South coast of China. The same as on 19th.

T. F. CLAXTON, Director.
Hongkong Observatory, Dec. 20, 1919.

HONGKONG TIDES.

The tide-table given below has been compiled at the National Almanac Office in London from the result of the analysis of observations taken by means of an automatic tide-recording machine in the Water Police Basin at Tsim Sha Tsui during the years 1904-8.

The zero of the table corresponds with the zero of the sounding in the Admiralty chart, which has been found to be 4 feet 11 inches below mean sea-level.

To obtain the depth of water on the tide gauge at the Victoria Naval Yard add 3 feet 4 inches, and on the gauge at Lamont Dock, Aberdeen, add 10 feet 4 inches to the height given in the table.

December 21 to 23, 1919.

Day	Hour	HIGH WATER		LOW WATER	
		Mean Time	Height	Mean Time	Height
Mon.	21	10 10	4.4	3 16	1.6
Mon.	22	10 12	4.4	3 17	1.6
Mon.	23	10 14	4.4	3 18	1.6
Tues.	24	10 16	4.4	3 19	1.6
Tues.	25	10 18	4.4	3 20	1.6
Tues.	26	10 20	4.4	3 21	1.6
Wed.	27	10 22	4.4	3 22	1.6
Wed.	28	10 24	4.4	3 23	1.6
Wed.	29	10 26	4.4	3 24	1.6
Thurs.	30	10 28	4.4	3 25	1.6
Thurs.	31	10 30	4.4	3 26	1.6

LIST OF PASSENGERS.

DEPARTED.

December 18.

Per s.s. "Dilwara"—Mr. R. Kennedy, Mr. M. Bhagwandas, Miss J. Bhagwandas, Miss L. E. Manley, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Clark, Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Hilmer, Hon. Sir A. Cardew, Hon. Sir J. du Boulay, Lieut.-Col. Jackson, Lieut.-Col. W. J. Buchanan, Khan Bahadur Hamid Hussain, Mr. D. M. Durand, Mr. N. A. Mitchell-Innes, Mr. J. W. Steadman, Mrs. J. G. Postley, Rev. H. J. Scudder, Miss M. S. Scudder, Miss L. Bookwalter, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Scott, Dr. and Mrs. N. E. Titus, Miss J. W. Hutton, Miss W. Eaton, Miss H. Bekker, Mr. H. V. Merren, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Harma, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. White, Mrs. M. P. Le Moyne, Mrs. Black, Miss Black, Mr. P. H. J. G. Jonckheer, Mrs. M. C. Jonckheer, Miss C. O. Jonckheer, Miss E. E. Cutts, Mr. E. T. Pickard, Mrs. A. Driver, Mrs. E. W. Wachtel, Mr. H. Giff, Mr. H. S. Darlington, Mr. H. Catlin, Mr. H. S. Darlington, Mr. H. Weinstein, Mr. W. C. Vanderlin, Capt. Plomley, Mr. and Mrs. C. Brown, Mr. F. L. Painter, Mr. N. Hurwitz, Mr. H. M. Richards, Mr. C. Smith, Mr. W. P. Bircedir, and Lieut. Hamilton.

December 19.

Per s.s. "Novara"—Mr. and Mrs. A. Bower, Mr. K. Gulbrandsen, and Mrs. C. H. Brangwin, Miss A. E. Brangwin, Mrs. E. M. Kornitzer, Miss M. Kornitzer, Miss B. Kornitzer, Rev. E. J. T. Stanley, Mr. Q. Bent, Comdr. C. M. de Carvalho, Adam Carvalho, Miss Carvalho, Ms. S. de Vasconcelles, Mrs. E. Fiser, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Ohler, and Mrs. O. B. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Hooper, Mrs. R. H. Ter, Miss R. Tyler, Mr. H. M. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Hodge, O. L. Coward, Mr. G. Baade, Ms. T. Baade, Mr. A. D. C. Boine, E. Boine, Capt. and Mrs. R. D. Harold, and Miss J. M. Laing.

COMPANY MEETING.

CHINA LIGHT AND POWER CO. LTD.

The ordinary general meeting of the China Light and Power Co. Ltd. was held this morning in the Company's Office, St. George's Building. Mr. W. Adamson presiding. The others present were Messrs. A. H. Compton and G. W. Barton (Directors), M. S. Northcote, R. Henderson, N. Croucher, W. H. Smith, E. G. Barrett, A. H. M. da Silva, C. Stafford, A. A. Cordeiro, Poon I. Cho (shareholders) and H. F. Campbell, (Secretary).

The Chairman said:—

Gentlemen,—You will notice from the accounts which have been in your hands for some days that the results for the 14 months under review show a satisfactory pro rata advance on the preceding 12 months' working. I will with your permission take them as read.

Some reduction in the cost of coal has helped us towards this satisfactory result, but there has been an increased demand for current and power which has sensibly affected the figures. This increased demand I am glad to say continues.

The nett profit for the period covered by the accounts is \$114,681.49 and it is proposed to deal with this sum as follows.

To Pay Consulting Committee and Auditors' fees	2,900
To write off Good Will A/C	67,000
To write off Preliminary Expenses	6,546.13
To Transfer to Reserve for Bad and Doubtful Debts	4,902.03
To pay a dividend at the rate of 8 per cent p.a. on 100,000 shares of \$5. each fully paid up for 9 months (from date of Incorporation)	30,000
To pay a dividend at the rate of 8 per cent p.a. on 100,000 shares of \$5. each \$1. paid up for 5 months (from due date of call)	3,333.31

Shareholders will no doubt be pleased that the Company has at last commenced to give them some return on their investment and I have every hope that such a state of affairs will continue.

In regard to the accounts there are three points regarding which I desire to make some explanation and it is probable that you desire I should do so.

One is as to the period covered by the accounts. It was found that the 31st July was an inconvenient date at which to close the books. The intention was at first to make the new date the 31st December but it was found that the accounts could not have been presented within the statutory period without certain legal formalities so the 30 September was substituted. This makes the period covered by the accounts fourteen months.

Another matter is the item of \$200,000 shown as Goodwill. This is due to the old special \$1. shares now figuring as \$5. rendering it necessary for the Company to pay the debt incurred when these particular shares were issued. The amount is of course \$4. on the 20,000 shares.

The last is to explain the writing down of the item Goodwill by \$67,000. \$50,000 of this sum represents the profits earned by the Company between 30th July 1918 when the old Company in a legal sense came to an end and the 1st January 1919 when the new Company was incorporated. To those who do not know I explain that such profits cannot be distributed but must be utilized to write down Goodwill or some fixed asset usually the former. The dividend therefore is out of the earnings of 9 months.

You will wish to hear something regarding the new site and plan. As regards the former this has been levelled and the sea walls built while progress is being made with the foundation for the necessary buildings. The machinery is ready but is held back at the manufacturer's so as to avoid its reaching here before the buildings are up. I think that all going well the new installation should be at work in about months' time.

I now propose that the report and accounts as circulated be adopted and that the balance at credit of profit and loss account viz. \$1,146,849 be dealt with as proposed. After this has been seconded I shall be glad to answer any question shareholders may care to put.

The Chairman's proposition was seconded by Mr. G. W. Barton and was unanimously carried.

The Hon. Sir Paul Chater, Messrs. G. W. Barton, A. H. Compton and T. F. Hough were re-elected members of the Consulting Committee, on the proposition of Mr. Henderson, seconded by Mr. Cordeiro.

Messrs. F. Maitland and A. R. Lowe were re-elected auditors, with a remuneration of \$200 each, on the proposition of Mr. Northcote seconded by Mr. Smith.

The Chairman announced that dividend warrants would be ready on Monday, and could be obtained on application at the offices. There being no further business, the meeting terminated.

"MASKS"

[By THE GOSSIP.]

I cannot honestly say that the Englishman ever looks quite at home in comfortable in fancy dress, but owing to his temperamental limitations along these lines, he and his wife certainly put up a good show at the Devastated Masked Ball, and every one was merry and bright.

There was the usual spirit of caution in a number of people who one would have expected to be present, but who stayed away for fear of encounters with undesirables safely hidden behind masks, but they might easily have braved the dangers, for the goats all got into one pen and the sheep into the other and neither set harmed the other set, or crossed Tom Tiddler's ground. They never do really, the little prejudices which divide society into congenial groups, are generally based upon mutual instincts.

The Masked Ball was the opening event of the week end cabaret, which is designed to raise huge sums of money for the poor homeless women and children in France. Money has been pouring in so far and the results of pancy day collection amount to \$4,000 (four thousand dollars); when you translate that into francs, you have some sums to work upon. It would be difficult to imagine a prettier sight than that of last night and everything was in keeping. The music provided by a band kindly lent by Mr. Taggart of the Hongkong Hotel, was really excellent and inspiring. The floor was good, though a bit too slippery in unexpected places, so that one had to step discreetly. The fact that no side slips or complete tumbles occurred over these traps is a testimonial to the good behaviour of both sheep and goats.

Mr. Taggart supplied refreshments and drinks free so that really it was particularly creditable of everyone to be so discreet. The committee cannot speak highly enough of the sporting and generous manner in which Mr. Taggart has shown his sympathy with the cause and rendered every possible assistance.

Costumes though not startlingly original were very effective, especially the groups all turned out alike. Of these Mrs. Hay's party were quite the most artistic, in deep tones of purple and emerald green. They looked very fine in the march past. Another party came in pink with designs in black representing stars and moons. The three prize winners for individual effort in mask and dominoes were accorded general approval. Mrs. Matheson, in gorgeous red satin with black mask, black net frills and black shoes and stockings, had aroused admiration and curiosity throughout the evening.

Mrs. H. W. Lucas evidently represented a butterfly, and wore a graceful gown of exquisite colouring. The skirt was black and the bodice and sleeves in mauve georgette, carrying out the butterfly design; both pretty women looked all the better for unmasking.

Mr. Wolfe stalked the floors in a dominoe of black, edged with red and baffled all attempts at recognition, by donning a black Imperial, which gave him the appearance of a French diplomat.

Mrs. Basil Taylour looked very charming in an Indian costume and made a break in the monotony of masked faces by veiling the lower part of her face. Another Indian costume of striped silk, was particularly handsome and gracefully draped and was worn by a pretty woman.

The good old stager the Order of the Bath was well carried out by Petty Officer Lawrence.

The Misses Woods wore charming ballet frocks of net, and pink roses, with blue shoes and stockings and little lace caps of Dutch shape. I do not know if they represented anything special, but they looked very nice and appeared to be having a good time.

It was a pity there were not more girls present as a good many men danced together; however they added to the spirit of amusement, especially during the masked period, when it was difficult for the looker on to tell the other from which.

To-day there is to be more dancing from 3 p.m. onwards, and what there is left of us all, will once more disport ourselves and dance for France.

If the organizers, Mrs. Hay, Mrs. Wolfe, Mr. H. W. Bird, Colonel Crosse, and Captain and Mrs. Basil Taylour, have carried out their arrangements for to-day, as well as all their previous efforts have been carried out, every one should have a good time, and when they put the Hongkong Fund for Devastated France, on to the shelf of past events, they ought to take lots of credit to themselves for having played the game and followed an excellent leader.

THE FUNCTION OF CRITICISM

A gentleman who had the misfortune to be arguing with me a few days past voiced a very general view—a view so common and so hopelessly muddled that it may not seem out of place to enlarge upon it in the interests of others. He accused me of "the lack of Constructive Thought." Now admitting that it is, per se, a nobler thing to create than to destroy, nevertheless we fail to see that a reason such as the latter can only hold full force in a perfect world. Clearly this world is far from perfect. Therefore in destroying what has been wrongly built we may still be doing right, and although it is our bounden duty to replace by something better what we destroy, yet we must destroy in order to create. To build up two competing edifices on the same ground would not tend to stability.

Some of us are so painfully aware of the faults in our present system—political, economic—that we cannot construct until we have swept away some, at any rate, of the litter of rank, poisonous growths which cumber the ground and stifle the development of better things. Even if this consideration did not affect us, surely whatever we built would be likely to resemble the bad work already in existence, to fit and dovetail into the crevices of our present rottenness, to take on the character, the tendencies and indeed the very life of what had gone before, so that in adding to the pile we should but add to the pollution, and in creating should make confusion but worse confounded.

A parallel from one of the most intellectual occupations in existence, a field where failure is irretrievable and slipshod thought a millstone—the game of Chess—may make the matter clearer. A mistake in the opening moves, a lost opportunity, a piece of bad logic, can wreck a whole campaign. In any of the weighty volumes devoted to the study of the subject may be found such a statement as this:—"If Black had, at his 18th move, . . . his position would have been hopeful; but after his . . . he cannot hope for even a draw." The parallel and the failure of the parallel is this, that in Chess a move cannot be taken back, in life it can. If I so desire, I can repeal a piece of servile legislation—repeal it and replace it by a saner one.

But the basis of the whole contention is that the replacement is not so essential as the repeal; that to destroy what is bad is first necessary. After that is done few of us fear the sequel—when we have weeded the garden we will plant.

KEITH WEST.

CORRESPONDENCE.

HONGKONG WAR CHARITIES.

[To the Editor of the "China Mail."]

Sir,—The report enclosed represents the winding up of the War Charities Fund and the end of the War Charities Organisation which was set up on January 1st, 1916. The balance to credit, after the payment of \$1,000 for the organisation of local charitable work parties—a sum which H. E. the Governor has consented to hold pending the arrival of Lady Stubbs—has been left in the hands of the Colonial Treasurer and the Chief Manager of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, to be utilised primarily in relieving distress amongst such shipments of refugees as may yet pass through Hongkong. When no more need be expected, any remaining balance will be equally divided between Barnardo's and Quarrier's Homes. The balance in London has been left for distribution at the discretion of Mr. Murray Stewart.

Yours faithfully,
E. R. HALLIFAX.

Hon. Secretary,
War Charities Committee.

[The report enclosed is too long for our space to-day. It shows all subscriptions from Jan. 1916 to Dec. 1919, a total of £178,298 12s 6d or \$1,211,315.39.—Ed. C.M.]

Hongkong December 19, 1919.

FIRE ALARM AT MAGISTRACY.

There was some excitement at the Magistracy at about 9.30 this morning when, while some coolies were at work in the storeroom situated in the basement under Mr. Wood's Court, a fire suddenly broke out amongst some gun cotton which the coolies were engaged in removing from the store. An alarm was promptly raised and the usual Chinese crowd, which filled the wall of the Court made a rush for the various exits and the scene was one of excitement for a few minutes. The fire Brigade, summoned as soon as the fire was discovered, appeared on the scene promptly with three engines, fire escapes etc., armed for a strenuous fight. But happily the flames did not prove stubborn. The "all clear" was given a few minutes after the arrival of the fire fighters.

R.A.M.C. WAR MEMORIAL FUND.

The following final list of subscriptions to the above named fund have now been forwarded to Messrs. Holt & Co. —

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ENCOUNTER WITH ARMED BURGLAR.

CLERK KILLS ASSAILANT.

In the small hours of the 23rd ult., an armed burglar broke into the Osaka Plating factory at Imamiya-cho. He woke up Terai Jikichi, a clerk of the factory, who was sleeping on the premises on duty, and demanded ¥100, telling the clerk that he had accomplices outside, and that refusal to produce the money would mean instant death for him. He then made a display of a Japanese sword which he was carrying with the object of overawing the clerk into compliance. The latter feigned compliance, and managed to get at a pistol. As soon as he got hold of the weapon, he fired a few shots at the intruder, who attacked his adversary with the sword. In the meantime, several workmen who were also sleeping on the premises arrived on the scene to see what was the cause of the noise. The burglar took to his heels, but when he reached the street fell down. On approach it was discovered that he was dead, succumbing to the injuries from the pistol shots. The fact was immediately reported to the neighbouring police station, and after an inquest, the clerk and others concerned in the affair were taken to the Imamiya Police Station. The dead burglar is not yet identified. Japan Chronicle.

"CONTEMPT OF COURT."

"CHINA MAIL" CASE ON TO-DAY.

In the Supreme Court this morning, before a Full Court, Sir William Rees Davies, K.C., Chief Justice and Mr. Justice Gompertz sitting, George William Cade Burnett, editor and manager of the *China Mail* was charged with contempt of Court.

The Attorney-General, the Hon. Mr. J. H. Kemp, C.B.E. appeared for the prosecution and Mr. C. G. Alabaster, O.B.E., instructed by Mr. C. D. Wilkinson of Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist appeared for the defendant.

Mr. Alabaster said:—I appear, instructed by Mr. Wilkinson to answer on behalf of Mr. Burnett in obedience to your Lordship's order of the 17th day of this month.

His Lordship:—Is Mr. Burnett in Court?

Mr. Alabaster:—Yes, my Lord, Mr. Burnett has filed an affidavit which I shall read to your Lordship and what I shall say will be this:—that no contempt of this honourable Court was intended by anything that appeared in the articles in respect of which complaint is made. Further we will contend that as a matter of law no contempt of this honourable Court is disclosed by those articles, but should we be wrong in our view of the law and should there be in your Lordship's opinion contempt disclosed, on behalf of Mr. Burnett I have to apologise in the fullest and most unreserved manner to your Lordship for the contempt, if any, is disclosed. Your Lordships will observe from the affidavit of Mr. Wakeman that the particular type of contempt, one of three kinds of contempt and one only is alleged, that is in paragraph three of Mr. Wakeman's affidavit:—in my opinion the contempt consists of something calculated to prejudice the trial of the prisoner at the Criminal Sessions. Before I refer to authorities perhaps I might refresh your Lordship's memory by reading the Article complained of.

Mr. Alabaster then proceeded to read the article complained of. It commenced, "It is possible that Magistrate Wood, had something more before him than was indicated by our reporter's story yesterday, about the man who was committed for tendering forged Indian banknotes."—"No man's name is mentioned and the article purports to comment on the reporter's story, which the writer does not necessarily accept as full, or as fully disclosing all that transpired. He guards himself in the opening words 'It is possible that Magistrate Wood had something more before him than was indicated by our reporter's story yesterday about the man who was committed for trial for tendering forged Indian banknotes. On the story as it stands'—not on the evidence before the Magistrate—'we express surprise that a committal was made.' There again, if it is comment on the trial and not on the story one could hardly say it was comment tending to prejudice the prisoner on his trial."—"The Captain of the ship on which the man had been regularly employed for five years gave him a good character; said he believed him honest. That alone proves nothing. The greatest criminal can easily get a certificate of character. A witness confirmed the man's story of where, whence and why he got the notes. That was circumstantial and by itself insufficient to convince. . . . The bank said the forgeries were well executed. That is in favour of the theory of innocence though it does not prove it." There is more than a theory of innocence in a Criminal case, there is an absolute presumption. That was not comment that could prejudice the prisoner in his trial. I would imagine if it had any effect at all, and I submit it would have no such effect, it would prejudice them in his favour; with the law already establishing a prejudice in his favour by a presumption of innocence."

The Attorney-General: It might prejudice the prosecution.

Mr. Alabaster: That is not alleged. If it is to be tendered I will have my reply.

The Chief Justice (reading from the application): "Prejudice the trial of the said prisoner." That means the case as a whole. It means the case for the Crown and for the prisoner.

Mr. Alabaster: I am submitting there is a presumption of innocence and if it could prejudice the Crown in the prosecution of the case it would only put them on guard that if they desired to prove their case they should have—as they have every right to do—more evidence than was disclosed in the reporter's story. It may be that it was before the Magistrate they could get it. No one knows better than the Attorney-General that people are not tried always solely on the evidence before the Magistrate, still less are they tried solely on the evidence disclosed in a reporter's story. They are tried on such evidence as the Crown chooses to bring forth at the trial. That is what they are tried on so I submit it cannot prejudice the Crown or the prisoner. In fact if the Crown contends that they or the prisoner are prejudiced by the comment, have read, I may ask how much more will the Crown or the prisoner be prejudiced giving it this double

A POLICE FUNERAL.

The funeral of the late Sergeant Woolford of the Water Police whose death occurred yesterday, took place last evening at the Protestant Cemetery. The coffin draped with a Union Jack was borne on a gun-carriage drawn by Sergeants of the Force.

The procession was headed by the band of the Wiltshire Regiment, which played the Funeral March. Amongst those present were the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, C.S.P., Mr. P. P. J. Wodehouse, C.I.E., D.S.P., Mr. C. G. Perdue, A.S.P., Chief Inspector Kerr, Inspectors Gordon, Grant, Macdonald, Kent, Earner, and Davitt; and a large number of deceased's fellow sergeants. The Navy was represented. The deceased was formerly Admiral Jerram's coxswain on board the flag-ship H.M.S. "Minotaur."

The Rev. V. H. Copley Moyle conducted the burial service.

The following sent floral tributes: Sergeants' Mess, Water Police Station; Sergeants' Mess, 7 Station; Sergeants' Mess, Yaumatei Police Station; No. 2 Police Station; Warders' Mess; Sergeants' Mess, Central Police Station; Members, Fire Station Mess; Crew and Europeans, No. 1 Launch; Sergeants' Mess, Shaukiwan Station; United Service Lodge No. 1341 C.C.; R.N.Y.P. Mess; Inspectors, Sanitary Department; P.C.'s Mess, Central Station; the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, C.S.P.; Mr. P. P. J. Wodehouse, C.I.E., D.S.P.; Mr. C. G. Perdue, A.S.P.; Chief Inspector Kerr; Chief Detective Inspector Morrison; Inspector Macdonald; Inspector and Mrs. Grant; Inspector and Mrs. Gordon; Inspector and Mrs. Earner; Inspector and Mrs. J. J. Watt; Inspector and Mrs. Kent; Inspector and Mrs. Angus; Inspector and Mrs. Davitt; Sgt. and Mrs. Hoare; Sgt. and Mrs. Langham; Sgt. W. Johnson; Sgt. and Mrs. Floyd; Sgt. and Mrs. Conon; Sgt. and Mrs. McKay; Sgt. and Mrs. Phillips; Crew, No. 3 Launch, and Sergeants Thompson and Blackman; Sgt. and Mrs. Grimmett; Sgt. McWalter and Chambers; Sgt. Holland; Sgt. Murphy; Sgt. Jay; Sgt. Thross; Mr. J. Townsend, Mr. and Mrs. Tittmus; Mr. Gair and Mr. and Mrs. Allen.

KOWLOON BRITISH SCHOOL.

BREAKING-UP PARTY.

A very enjoyable Christmas breaking-up party was given to the pupils of Kowloon British School, first in the Hall of the school and afterwards in St. Andrew's Church Hall, yesterday evening. The school building was tastefully decorated and the majority of the little ones were attired in the fancy costumes they wore on the occasion of the recent "social." Tea, cakes, sweets, crackers etc., were supplied in unlimited quantities and the evening was spent in true old English style Christmas revels. Mr. Grieg, as "Father Christmas," handed out bags of sweets to those who "promised to be good" and Mr. Jenner as a clown was indefatigable in his efforts to be a clown and the shrieks of delight were almost deafening as he went round with his "clapper" delivering resounding blows on the backs of all and sundry. There was to have been a cinema show in St. Andrew's Church Hall later on in the evening, but owing to a breakdown of the machine, the performance had to be postponed but impromptu dances, games and other pastimes were arranged so that the disappointment was somewhat softened.

Mr. Nightingale and those who assisted him are to be heartily congratulated on providing an entertainment which was fully appreciated by all.

The advertisement: the advertisement on the 17th and again to-day.

The Crown rushes in—and Hongkong has a notoriously short memory and says on December 11 somebody says something. Nobody on the jury would remember that when, and if, the man was tried—because a committal does not mean a trial here where we have the Attorney-General performing the function of a Grand Jury.

The Chief Justice:—That is not the point Mr. Alabaster, it is outside the argument. The point is this comment on certain evidence taken by a reporter of this newspaper before a Magistrate. The Magistrate commits the man and then the newspaper in this column proceeds to criticise the Magistrate *pro et con*, and whether that criticism will weigh in favour of the Crown or against it does not arise. It is not a criticism on a reporter's story of what actually takes place and on which the committal was made.

Mr. Alabaster: The question is whether contempt was committed or not and I am trying to show. The Chief Justice: You said the Crown rushes in. The point is you have to show this is not contempt. If it is contempt the Crown should bring it before the Court.

Continued on an Extra.

UNIVERSITY OF HONGKONG.

The Hongkong University Medical Society held its sixth annual dinner at the Hongkong Hotel on 18 inst. under the chairmanship of Dr. C. W. McKenny. The Hotel orchestra was in attendance, and among those present were Messrs. Ho Kwong, A. H. Crook, N. T. Mackintosh, M. K. Lo, Ho Leung, Grose, Capt. Macaulay, Professors Jordan, Warren, Wright, and Digby. Drs. E. S. Taylor, C. C. Wang, F. M. Ozorio, B. C. Wong, C. H. Luk, A. M. Woo, F. H. Wong, W. Woodman, T. C. Wong, K. K. Wong, S. C. Ho, H. C. Ho, H. C. W. and S. de Souza.

Dr. C. W. McKenny, in a felicitous speech, proposed the health of the guests of the evening. He was pleased to see Mr. Ho Kwong present, and wished to thank him for his profound interest in the doings of the Society. The Chairman mentioned that vast improvements were made possible in the Tung Wah Hospital through the efforts of Mr. Ho Kwong as chairman of the Board of Directors. He also referred in a humorous manner to the part taken by Dr. E. S. Taylor as one of the External Examiners in the recent Final M.B. B. S. degree examinations.

Mr. Ho Kwong and Dr. Taylor suitably replied on behalf of the guests.

The toast of the Medical Society was ably proposed by Dr. G. H. Thomas who read out a list of the papers that had been given since 1917. He hoped the progress of the Society would be maintained and wished the Society a successful future.

Prof. Earle, in replying for the Society, said he was extremely glad to see so many medical graduates of Hongkong as well as those of other universities present, and believed that this annual function would undoubtedly tend to encourage a closer professional friendship among the doctors of Hongkong and the medical students of the Hongkong University. It was his privilege to announce that Dr. G. H. Thomas, the first graduate of the Hongkong University, had been recommended for the doctorate in Medicine, and on behalf of the Society, he congratulated him on his unique achievement.

Prof. Earle was of opinion that the time was ripe for the foundation of a university hospital, and was confident that the generous public would, as usual, readily respond financially to any appeal made by the University in this respect. In conclusion, he spoke of the coming departure of Dr. McKenny on furlough, and asked those present to drink to his health.

A flashlight photograph was taken at the close of the dinner.

XMAS. AT THE PEAR HOTEL.

Parents of children who have been invited by Santa Claus to meet him at the Peak Hotel on Monday, 22nd inst., are cordially invited to accompany their children. The festive season, looks like going with a swing and the management of the Peak Hotel is making a special effort to make it worthy of the first peace Xmas.

The usual fortnightly dance will take place on January 1. Xmas Day will be celebrated by the traditional feast. Mistletoe and decorations were beginning to materialize.

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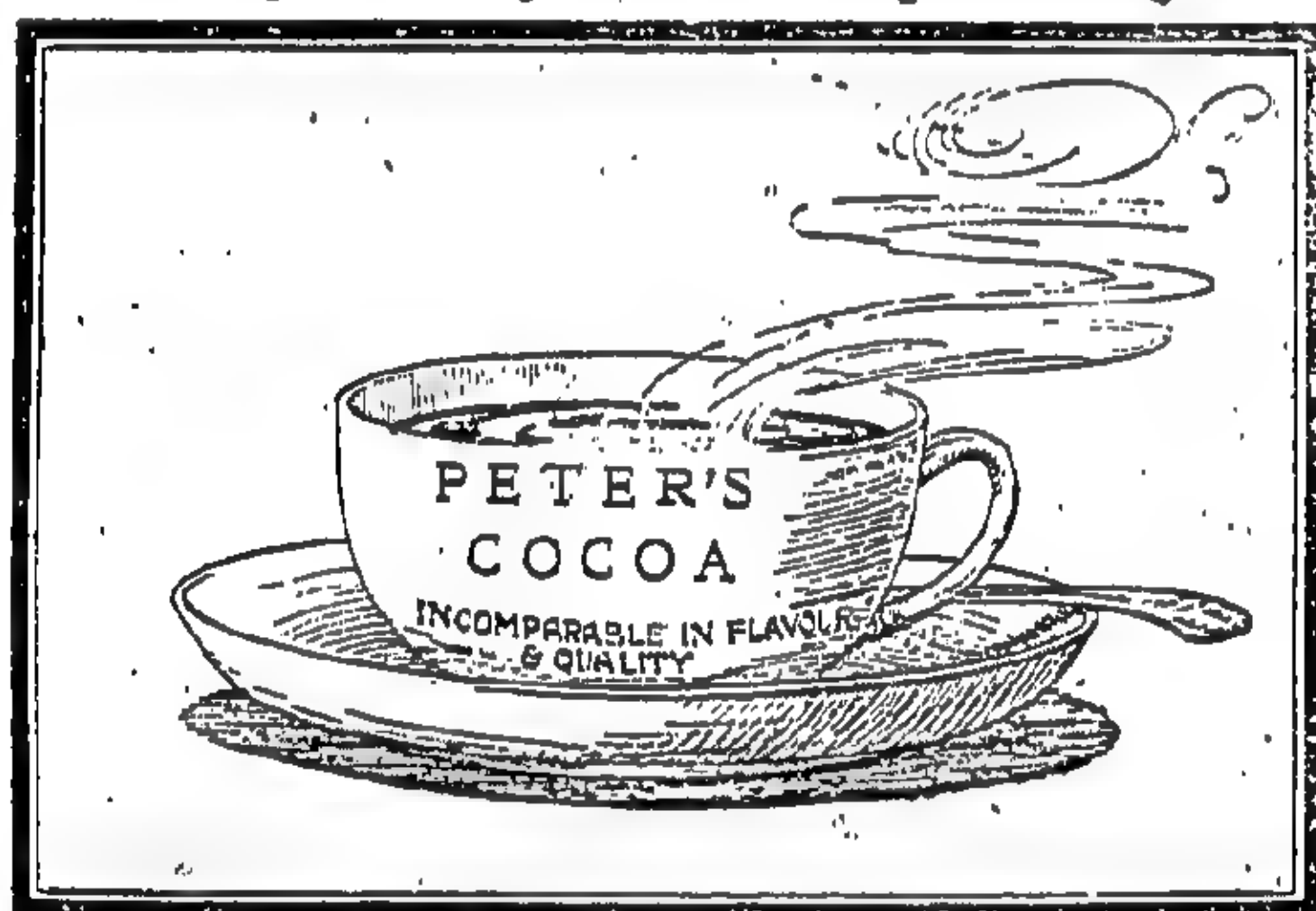
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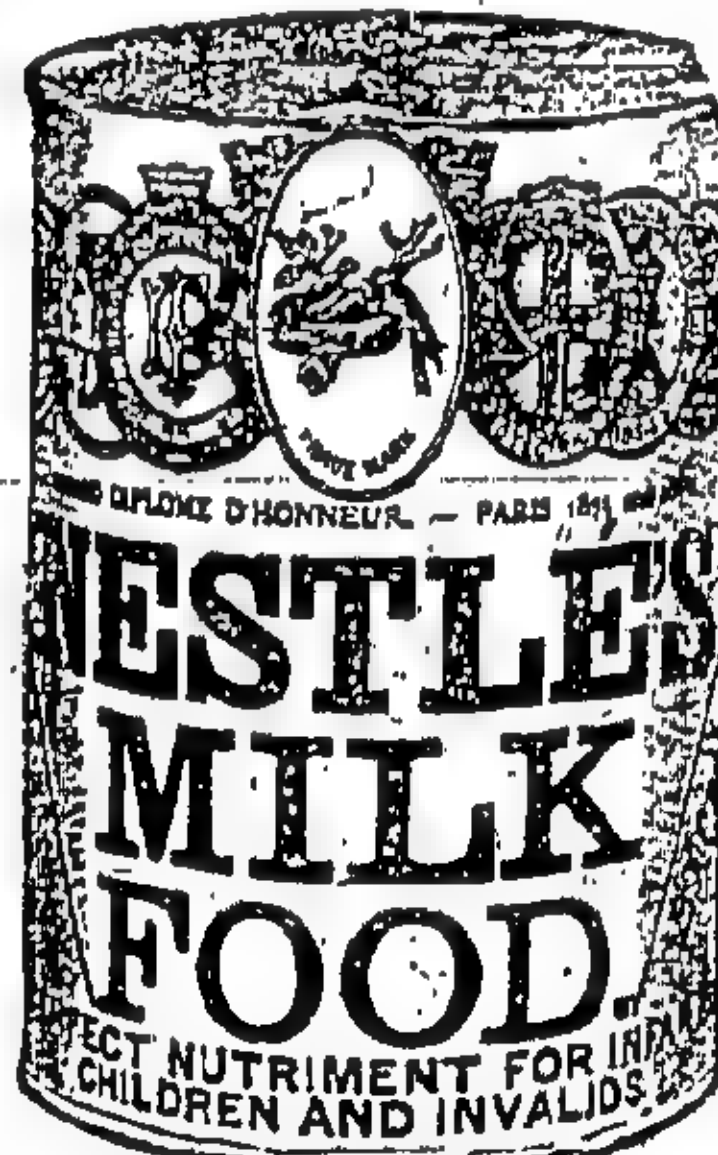
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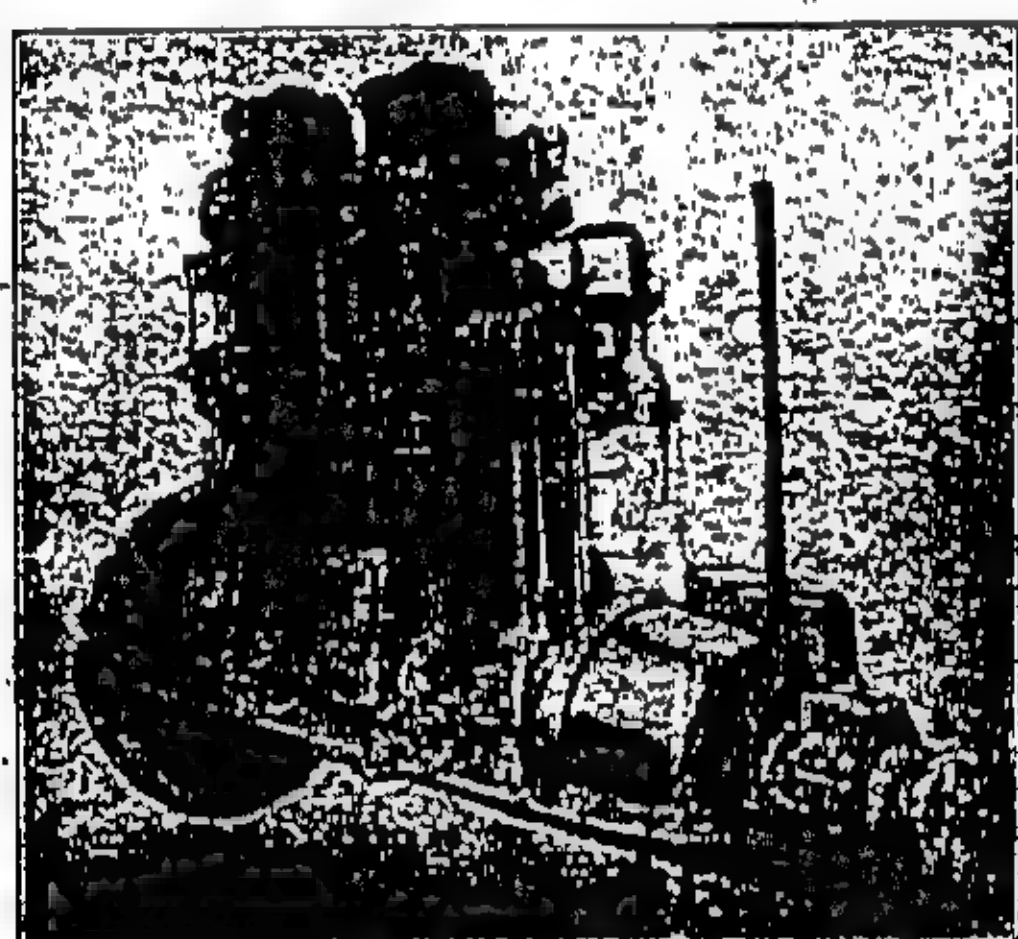


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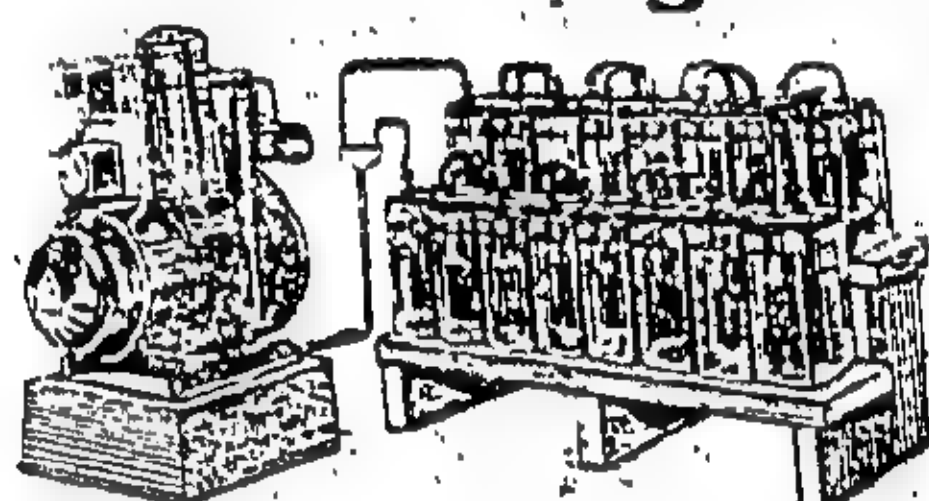
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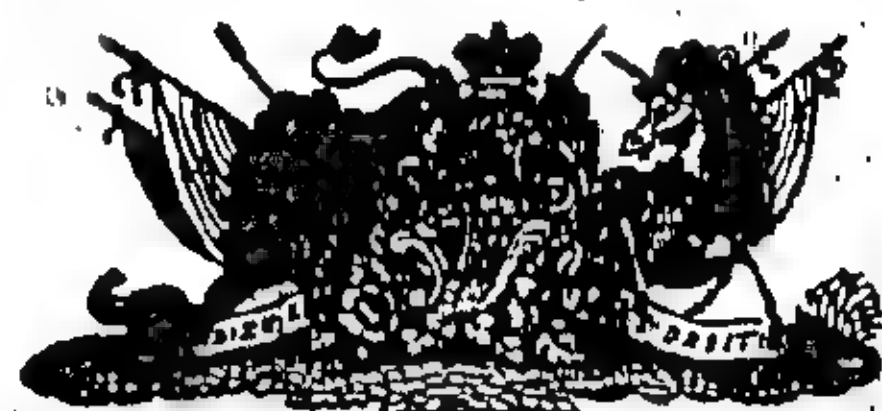
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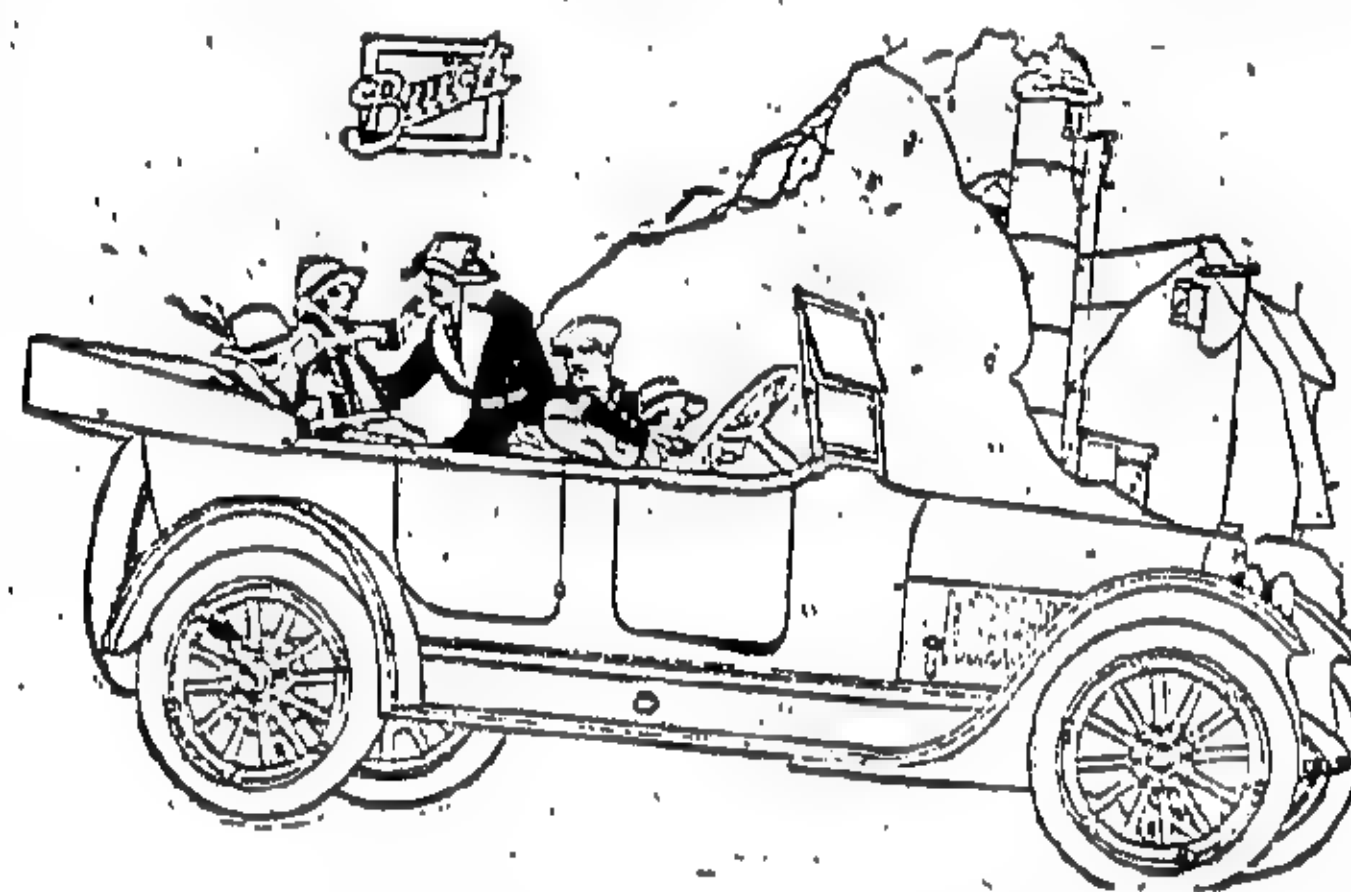
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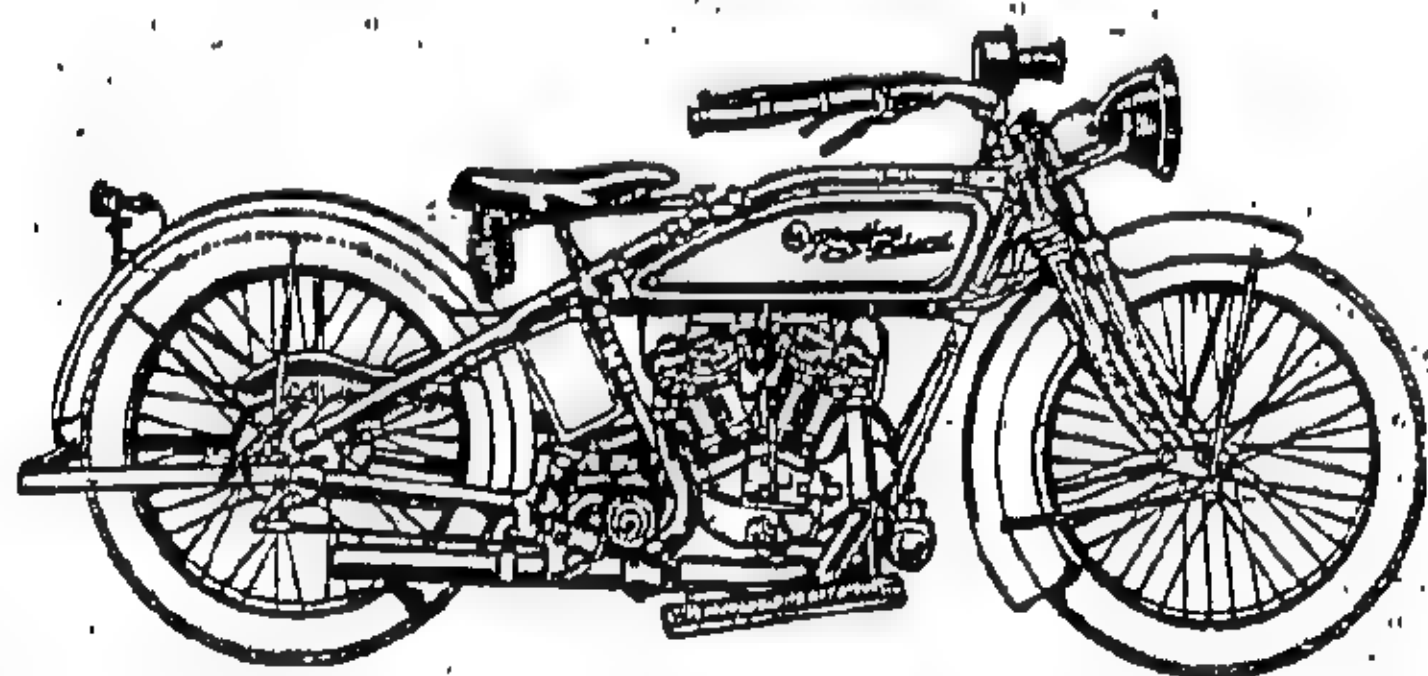
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MONDAY, DECEMBER 22nd:—

at 5.15 p.m. } - - - "LES MISERABLES"
at 9.15 p.m. }

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23rd:—

5.15
at 7.15 p.m. } - - - "LES MISERABLES"
9.15 }

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24th:—

at 5.15 p.m. - - - "LES MISERABLES"
at 7.15 p.m. - - - "THE FROZEN WARNING"
at 9.15 p.m. - - - "THE CANDY KID"

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25th:—

at 2.30 p.m. - - - "THE FROZEN WARNING"
at 5.15 p.m. - - - "THE CANDY KID"
at 7.15 p.m. - - - "THAIS"
at 9.15 p.m. - - - "THE HEART OF HUMANITY"

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26th:—

at 2.30 p.m. - - - "THE HEART OF HUMANITY"
at 5.15 p.m. - - - "THE FROZEN WARNING"
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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27th:—

at 2.30 p.m. - - - "THE FROZEN WARNING"
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TENSHO MARU (Bombay direct) Friday, 25th December.
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KAWACHI MARU ... Monday, 29th December

JAPAN PORTS—Nagasaki, Kobe & Yokohama.

NIKKO MARU ... Saturday, 30th December, at 11 a.m.
AKI MARU ... Saturday, 18th January, at 11 a.m.

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San Francisco via Shanghai, Japan &c.	Kanking	China Mail S.S. Co., Ltd.	On 13th January.
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Victoria, Vancouver, Seattle & Tacoma.	Arabis Maru	Om Shosen Kaisha	On 30th Dec.
Vancouver via Shanghai, Japan &c.	Kabori Maru	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	On 31st Jan., at 11 a.m.
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Australian Ports via Japan	Kyoto Maru	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	On 31st Dec., at 11 a.m.
New York via Panama.	Ryukyu Kempo	Toyoko Kisen Kaisha	On 9th Jan.
Portland.	Wakatsuki	Butterfield & Swire	On 31st Jan.
New York via Panama.	Lowther Castle	The Admiral Line	About 29th Dec.
Nagasaki, Kobe & Yokohama	Nikko Maru	Dodwell & Co., Ltd.	On 30th Dec., at 11 a.m.
Shanghai and Kobe	Madras	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	On 30th Dec.
Shanghai & Taingtao	Chonan	P & O-B.L. & A.L.	On 30th Dec., at 4 p.m.
Singhai	Shen Ing	Butterfield & Swire	On 18th Dec., at Noon.
Singhai	Huising	Butterfield & Swire	On 20th Dec., at Noon.
Constantinople, Batavia, Bangkok	Kawachi Maru	Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.	On 19th Dec.
Singapore, Penang & Bulau-ud-Dell	Yau Warwijk	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	On 23rd Dec.
Keelung via Swatow and Amoy	Amakusa Maru	Japan-China Japan Line	On 21st Dec.
Saigon, Bangkok & Singapore	Shison Maru	Osaka Shosen Kaisha	On 21st Dec.
Swatow, Amoy & Foochow	Haihong	Osaka Shosen Kaisha	On 21st Dec.
London	Galathea	Douglas Laprak & Co., Limited	On 19th Dec.
New York via Southampton	Bongor	Osaka Shosen Kaisha	On 21st Dec.
London and Antwerp	Bongor Maru	Osaka Shosen Kaisha	On 21st Dec.
London via Spore, Para & C'bo &c.	Mishima Maru	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	On 21st Dec.
Mauritius, Delagoa Bay, Durban	Saimata Maru	Osaka Shosen Kaisha	On 21st Dec.
Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Port Said	Novara	P & O-B.L. & A.L.	On 19th Dec.

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OUR ADVERTISERS.

WHAT THEY ARE OFFERING.

XMAS SHOPPERS' VADE MECUM.

THE PALACE HOTEL.

The enterprising management of the Palace Hotel is by no means behind the other local hostilities in the matter of providing entertainment for the Christmas holidays. There will be special dinners on Christmas and Boxing nights. A band will be in attendance and there will be a dance on December 25. It is hoped the new lounge will be ready, which is being comfortably fitted up with every modern convenience.

THE CORONET KINEMA.

For the Christmas holidays the management of the Coronet Kinema secured a wonderfully interesting picture entitled "The Frozen Warning." The plot is based on a spy story, but the feature of the film is the wonderful skating exhibition by the lady who takes the principal part. She is said to be the most marvellous skater in the world. There is also another fine drama picture featuring Dorothy Phillips entitled "The Heart of Humanity." This is the only picture that rivals "The Heart of the World" and it has the advantage of not being quite so long. These with other pictures will be shown on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and Boxing day in the afternoon and evening.

GANDE PRICE AND COMPANY.

This firm of wine and spirit merchants have special stocks of liquors of the brands for which they hold the sole agency including D.C.L., King George, Perfection, Duval's and Canadian Club whiskeys, Most and Chandon and Perrier Joust champagnes, Martell's brandy, Hall's stout, O.B. Beer and Clifford Wilkinson's Tassau. The firm is also putting up their usual Xmas hampers at reduced prices. Everything for the cellar can be purchased at Messrs. Gande Price and Company and the best quality is guaranteed.

JAMES STEER.

Mr. James Steer has a large assortment of ladies' silver and gold bangles, silver and gold expanding bracelets and watches, all of which are adaptable for Xmas gifts.

H. RUTTONJEE AND SONS.

Messrs. Ruttonjee and Sons have laid in stocks of wines and spirits to meet all requirements. They are the sole agents for the famous Pol Roger brand of champagne, of which they anticipate a large demand so that purchasers should book their orders early. The firm stocks all the well-known brands of whiskeys, wines, beers etc., and the best quality at lowest prices is guaranteed.

THE VICTORIA THEATRE.

This enterprising picture house has arranged for a special programme and music for every day during the Christmas holidays including Mrs. Vernon Castle in "The Mysterious Client," Charlie Chaplin in "A Dog's Life," Bessie Love in "Carolyn of the Corners" and the last episode of "The Tiger's Trail." A special feature of the Xmas programme will be a distribution of toys for the little ones on Christmas Day and the Children's annual raffle will also be held. There will be performances at 2.15 p.m. and 4.30 p.m. on Xmas Day, 2.15 p.m. and 5 p.m. on Boxing Day and 2.15 p.m. and 5.15 p.m. on Saturday 27th December.

KING EDWARD HOTEL.

Mr. Wittell intends to spare no pains to make Xmas at the King Edward Hotel as "Christmassy" as possible. There will be a special dinner and dances on Christmas eve and Christmas Day, with adequate music and everything for the comfort and pleasure of the Hotel guests and their friends will be done.

J. T. SEAW.

The enterprising firm of outfitters have laid in a large and varied stock of useful articles of men's wear suitable for Xmas presents, including ties, silk mufflers, Jaeger dressing gowns, linen and silk handkerchiefs put up in tasteful boxes, fancy waistcoats, cardigan jackets, walking sticks, umbrellas, leather pocket cases and purses, tie pins, studs, cuff links, fancy waistcoat buttons, and so. Mr. Seaw's stock is of the highest quality and the difficulty of what to buy for a man's present can easily be solved by a visit to the premises on Pedder Street.

THE ANDERSON MUSIC COMPANY.

A Christmas without music would be a dull one and it is certain that not many foreign homes in the Colony are without their piano or gramophone. The Anderson Music Store is catering well for this side of the festivities. Of pianos they have a new shipment of the famous Collard and Collard make. These are specially manufactured for the climate and will bear comparison with any make from any part of the world. Their stock of topical music is complete and a good deal of attention has been paid to the supply of Columbia machines and records, there being a wide selection of the latest dance records with many of the old favourites. Music lovers are bound to find something to their taste if they visit the store.

A. S. WATSON AND CO.

A choice display of perfumery, chocolates and crackers form the main features of this well-known firm's Christmas display and as usual their goods are by well-known manufacturers. Tom Smith's crackers, which they have always featured, are to be seen in abundance, put in dainty boxes, while of chocolates one may choose from such makes as Cadbury's, Buchanan's and Sullivan's, and here again the effective packing will be found pleasing. Manicure sets, which form a very useful present, are on show together with the well known Coter outfits. In the perfumery department there is a large variety which includes the firm's well-known lavender water and Eau de Cologne. A wide range of other useful articles for seasonable gifts is on view.

THE WING ON COMPANY.

This enterprising firm of universal providers has everything for Xmas, including cards, crackers, candies, fresh and dried fruits, toys, artificial flowers, handsome fur sets and decorative flower stands. There are also large stocks of groceries, wines and spirits. For household and table decoration customers will find an endless variety of suggestions to select from.

MESSRS. HOGG, KARANJIA AND COMPANY.

For lighting contrivances for decorating the Xmas dinner table there is a large selection at Messrs. Hogg, Karanjia and Company. Their stock includes artistic table and wall lamps, of the "Power Light" make. The lamps are oil burning, economic and safe and can be adapted for any purpose. The firm also specialises in machinery, reinforced concrete structure boats, particulars of which can be had on application.

MACKINTOSH AND COMPANY.

Specialising in articles suitable for gifts for men Mackintosh's have a large selection of tasteful goods on view. Special attention is paid to wool novelties by the well-known Jaeger firm, also neckwear and hosiery. There is also showing a large range of dressing gowns, dress waistcoats, smoking jackets, shirts, gloves etc., in fact everything for stocking the man's dressing room.

HASTINGS AND HODGE.

For those who favour the lighter alcoholic beverages Hastings and Hodge have a new consignment of that popular beer the "Cascade" brand. The first consignment of this beer was quickly disposed of and those who desire to replenish their stocks for Xmas should place their orders early. The firm has also supplies of Stewart's Gold Medal whisky and "Red Roc," a medicinal water from natural springs.

THE MITSUI RUSSIAN KAISER.

This firm, which is the distributing centre of Hongkong for the well-known Asahi Beer, anticipate heavy calls upon its resources this Xmas. This ever popular brand has a reputation second to none throughout the East.

THE VICTORIA CAFE.

The Victoria Cafe announce a special Xmas lunch and Xmas dinner at \$1 and \$2.50 respectively, for which tables may now be reserved. They have in stock a large assortment of cakes and puddings, chocolates and fancy pastry. There is also a large stock of canned goods at nominal prices. For diners out every comfort and convenience is provided and customers will find that the best fare obtainable has been provided.

THE BRITISH AMERICAN TOBACCO COMPANY.

Of the many well-known brands of cigarettes manufactured by this enterprising company, the "Westminster Special" will find a place on the Xmas sideboard in almost every home. It is classed as a "premium" cigarette calculated to satisfy the most discriminating palate. The Company caters for all tastes and pockets, and particularly at Xmas time, spares no trouble to meet the requirements of patrons.

THE EXILE GARAGE.

The Exile Garage call attention to the pleasures that may be obtained from motoring which has already such a hold in the Colony. They specialise in the "Buick" car, which is a very neat and serviceable machine. The "Scripps-Booth" "small" big car is another of the well-known makes handled by this firm for which it is claimed that it possesses all the refinements and advantages of a big car at a low price and cost of upkeep. For motor cyclists they are exhibiting the well-known "Reading Standard" machine, which is a very powerful and speedy cycle.

E. HING.

Messrs. E. Hing and Company announce the arrival of all varieties of ship building material, including steel ship plates, angles, flat round and square bars, copper and brass rods, tubes, cleats and condenser tubes, galvanized and black iron pipes and plain and corrugated sheets and ship chandlery articles.

THE GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY.

This firm has gained a high reputation in the Colony for electrical fittings of every description, chief amongst which is the well known Osram Lamp. This lamp possesses the advantage of concentrated filament operating at a high temperature and giving a very bright white light. The bulb is specially made for increasing the heat radiating area. It is British made throughout and the Company is entirely British owned.

THE SINCERE COMPANY.

Messrs. Sincere and Company have laid in a very large stock of articles suitable for Xmas presents at popular prices. As special Xmas bargains they offer from new stock groceries, novelties, toilet goods, handkerchiefs, toys, cigars, smokers' requisites, jewellery, Xmas cards etc. Everybody should pay a visit to the one-price store.

THE DRAGON MOTOR CAR CO.

This company has just received a consignment of the well-known Essex car models of which are now on view in the firm's show rooms on Des Voeux Road. This car is manufactured by the famous Hudson Company. Besides being a well-finished machine it is powerfully engine and is capable of taking any of the hills around here without difficulty. The company has also in stock Chandeliers, seven passenger car, Elgin five passenger car, and the Overland, five passenger car.

W. R. LORLEY AND CO.

W. R. Lorley and Co., are the agents for the famous Iral disinfectant which is one of the most effective germ destroyers. They have also the sole agency of the Chevrolet car which is electrically equipped, and of low price. Models of these cars are held in stock.

MESSRS. ARNOLD BROS.

This well-known import, export, shipping and engineering firm has the agency for John Tullis and Sons of Glasgow, the original inventors of cotton-belt and machinery for its manufacture. One of this firm's specialties is the well-known Solignum, an efficient remedy for the prevention of destruction of woodwork by white ants. They also hold agencies for patent roofings.

THE PHARMACY.

The Pharmacy have recently received a varied assortment of toilet brushes, including ladies' and gentlemen's hair brushes, clothes brushes, nail brushes, also military cases, combs, puff boxes, mirrors, manicure requisites etc. They have a large selection of novelties suitable for Xmas presents.

ULLMANN AND CO.

For those who prefer to give presents in the shape of jewellery Messrs. Ullmann and Co., have a large and varied stock to choose from at prices to suit all pockets. The firm's motto is quality, variety and perfection.

THE FAR EASTERN BUILDING COMPANY.

The Far Eastern Building Company of contractors and builders, are specialists in reinforced concrete. They deal in building materials of all descriptions, sanitary fittings, enamel and porcelain ware, and every description of constructional work is undertaken.

W. S. BAILEY AND COMPANY.

This is one of the leading firms of shipbuilders and engineers in Hongkong. They specialise in repair work and undertake marine and land engineering, boiler making, founding and motor boat building. They are agents for Kelvin motors.

YEE SANG FAT.

A large variety of Xmas cards in unique design, fancy handkerchiefs, tie sets and brushing sets, packed in fancy boxes making acceptable Xmas gifts are now at this store.

C. E. WARREN.

Messrs. Warren and Co., are specialists in all kinds of bath room fixtures, including soap racks, towel racks mirrors, etc.

SHU FUNG & CO.

This firm is the sole agent for Hongkong and South China for the Lactogen brand of unsweetened condensed milk, sterilised natural milk, malted milk and sweetened cocoa and milk. The firm takes into consideration the rates of exchange and gives special prices.

GRACA AND COMPANY.

Graca and Company is the shop to go to for cheap fancy goods. For the children there is a large assortment of dolls which are being sold at a 50 per cent reduction for two weeks only.

CHERRY AND COMPANY.

The firm of bootmakers specialise in all kinds of footwear which is made to order.

MUMBY AND COMPANY.

This is a very well-known firm of Japanese photographers, executing all kinds of photographic work in the latest styles. They are specialists in passport photos and in developing and printing for amateurs.

THE SUN COMPANY.

This Company is showing a large and unique assortment of Christmas novelties suitable for presents, including wines, cigars and cigarette holders, chocolates confectionery, perfumery, crackers, Christmas stockings and children's books.

MESSRS. FALCONER AND COMPANY.

Messrs. Falconer and Company, watchmakers and jewellers, can supply articles of jewellery suitable for Xmas gifts. They are agents for Admiralty charts, Ross's binoculars and telescopes, Kelvin's nautical instruments, and Benson's English watches. They have also a large stock of English silver ware imported direct from the manufacturers. Due regard to the rate of exchange has been made when pricing their goods.

HING WAH PASTE MANUFACTURING CO.

This company are the purveyors of Rooster brand macaroni and vermicelli. All kinds of soup stuffs can be had from this firm which has recently opened new and extensive premises.

LONG HING.

If anyone is longing for a camera he should visit the store of Messrs. Long Hing as it holds large stocks of Kodak supplies, including camera films, developing and printing materials and everything for the amateur photographer. Developing and printing for amateurs is a specialty.

THE HONGKONG HOTEL.

As in previous years the Hongkong Hotel Company have made adequate arrangements for celebrating the Christmas holidays. There will be dinner dances on Christmas eve, Christmas night, Boxing night and New Year's eve. Special Table d'Hôte menus will be provided in the Grill at \$3.50 per head and in the main dining room at \$2.50 per head. The popular entertainer the Misses Wood will appear at the dances.

SHEWAN TOMES & CO.

Messrs. Shewan Tomes and Company are carrying a complete line of auto accessories and motor boat fittings. They are the distributors for many well-known makes of motor cars and for the Harley Davidson motor cycles. They specialise in repairs to automobiles and repainting.

FAIRALL AND COMPANY.

Fairall and Company are advertising new evening gowns in the latest styles, as well as gowns for day or evening wear. Also a large assortment of gloves in all shades.

LA FAVORITE.

A specialty at this shop is a large selection of ladies' winter hats of the latest Parisian styles which have just been received.

M. Y. SAN AND COMPANY.

This firm, which has a reputation for biscuits and confectionery of its own manufacture, has large stocks on hand to meet the Christmas demand.

MEE CHEUNG.

Mee Cheung, the well-known photographer, has a large assortment of artistic mounts and other accessories for the amateur photographer. Developing is a specialty and amateurs are sure of getting the films correctly printed by the firm.

THE WALLA WALLA COMPANY.

The Company is now running a service of motor boats at reduced rates. For picnics, etc., etc., special prices are quoted and the launches are both comfortable and speedy.

MESSRS. WILLIAM POWELL.

This firm has on view a very large selection of the latest toys which should delight the hearts of youngsters. They have various mechanical toys and building sets together with a very large number of dolls and Teddy bears and other animals which cannot be seen at the Hongkong museum. In other departments there are stocks of electro-plated ware, fancy cushions and quilts. The Gents' department features collar boxes and suit cases, while articles such as walking sticks, ties, gloves, indispensable to mere man, are to be seen in plenty.

MESSRS. LANE CRAWFORD.

A big family of dolls surrounded by an aggregation of toys can be seen at Messrs. Lane Crawford. Most of the dolls are of British manufacture and can more than bear comparison with those from other parts of the world. The firm has also secured the agency for Messrs. Mapin and Webb, the well-known silver manufacturers and a big assortment of their wares is on exhibition. For gentlemen, the fine display of fancy leather goods may be mentioned. Sweets, chocolates and crackers may also be purchased.

MESSRS. WHITEWAY AND LAIDLAW.

A walk through the premises of this business house will more than convince the intending purchaser that no pains have been spared to secure a very comprehensive stock of articles suitable for the season. Attention is naturally directed to the toy department and here can be found articles of all descriptions, including dolls, mechanical toys and the latest games. Other departments have on view goods that make appropriate presents and altogether it is a store well worth a visit.

BREWSTER & CO.

This firm has on view a large selection of neatly bound diaries together with a big assortment of books and novels. One of their chief lines which has found much favour here is the \$10 calculator, a very simple but effective piece of mechanism with which addition and subtraction can be done. A consignment of Emerson records has also just been received, which includes some good dance music.

THE COLONIAL DISPENSARY.

Perfumes in great variety, neat manicure sets, safety razors and other toilet accessories form a big show at the Colonial Dispensary. Men folk will be interested in the Ever ready razor which for cheapness and quality will take a lot of beating. There is also a large stock of chocolates and sweets, of well-known brands. A choice selection of perfume sprays should also meet with admiration.

THE ROBINSON-ERANO CO.

Here can be found a big collection of the latest music both for singing and dancing, together with volumes of classical composition and more serious songs. Pianos by famous makers are on exhibition as well as many other musical instruments.

THE BLUE BIRD.

The confectioneries supplied by the Blue Bird Candy Store are too well known to need any words of recommendation. It is likewise unnecessary to add that they have a choice range of goods from which to choose at this season.

THE ALEXANDRA CAFE.

The Alexandra Cafe is again making a feature of its special buffets and dinners on Christmas Day, which have earned much popularity in past years. There are at present on hand big supplies of Cadbury's chocolates, bonbons, Xmas pudding and mince pies. Christmas at the Cafe promises to be a happy one.

TOKYO GERMAN WIRE.

EBERT.

THOUSANDS OF PRISONERS IN SIBERIA DYING OF STARVATION ETC.

The German relief committee, formed of German residents in Japan for the purpose of securing aid for German prisoners of war in Siberia, who, it is claimed are suffering severe hardships, state that they sent the following telegram on the 15th inst.: "President Friedrich Ebert.

"We direct your attention to the terrible state of affairs among the German prisoners in Siberia. Thousands are dying of starvation, cholera, and typhus. There is unspeakable distress, and large sums are needed at once, otherwise there will be a fearful disaster. The relief committee here have already sent large contributions through the Red Cross, but these are insufficient to stem the distress. Request also competent quarters to bring about repatriation. Petition also Japanese government to take prisoners into their custody. Request also that you issue appeals in German press for large collections for the benefit of the Siberian prisoners. Make all remittances through the Swiss Legation, Tokyo.

"German Relief Committees in Japan."—Japan Times.

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the dainty little liver and bowel regulators which act so gently as nature. Try them to-night and see how fit you'll feel to-morrow. Of medicine vendors everywhere, also at 60 cents the vial, post free, from the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., 96 Beachum Road, Shanghai.

STOCK ISSUE OF \$25,000,000 IS SHIP FIRM PLAN.

THE ADMIRAL LINE TO EXPAND ITS CAPITAL FOR IMPROVEMENTS.

The San Francisco Chronicle says:—Owing to expansion in business as a result of conditions ensuing upon the world war, the Pacific Steamship Company, The Admiral Line, contemplates expanding its capital by the issue of \$25,000,000 in 7 per cent preferred stock.

A meeting of the holding corporation, the Pacific Alaska Navigation Company, will be held at Portland, Me., November 29, to authorize that expansion and to provide for the immediate issue of \$1,500,000 of the proposed \$25,000,000, that issue to be taken up by stockholders of the corporation.

Details of this proposed arrangement have been developed for some months. Recently the plans progressed so far as to be in shape for consideration by a full meeting of the stockholders, which will be held in Portland, Me., that city being where the company is incorporated. The Admiral Line at present owns twenty-two vessels, and operates, as operators and managers, about seventy additional vessels belonging to the United States Shipping Board.

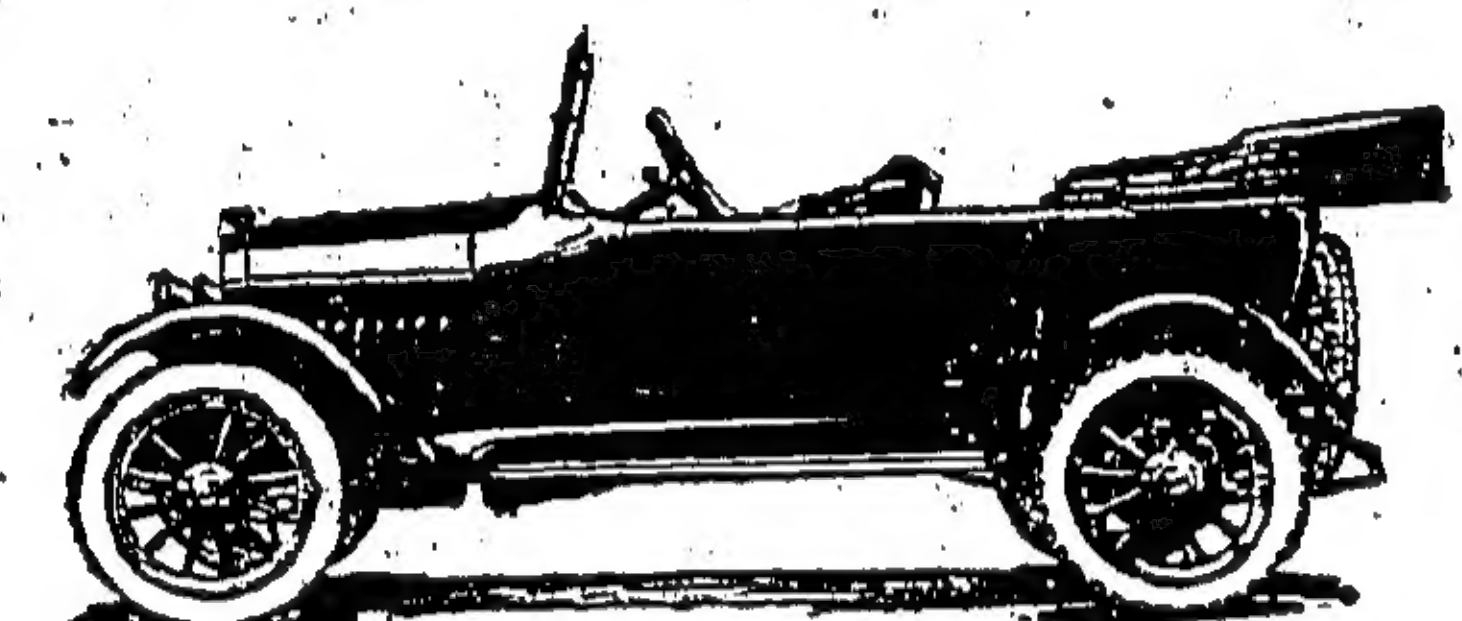
Such development in the opinion of the officials of the Admiral Line and of the Pacific-Alaska Navigation Company, makes expedient an expansion of capital in conformity with the requirements of such a sudden and extensive expansion of business as The Admiral Line now has to handle.

In the face of existing labour conditions it is not probable that any part of the \$25,000,000 additional Capital to be authorized on November 29 will immediately be devoted to building new, large and swifter steamships.

That such steamships will be required for the trade is a recognized fact, and one of the purposes of authorizing the issue is to provide that the Company may be in a position to build such vessels when emergency occurs.

H. F. Alexander, President, is now in New York, where he has been for some time arranging the details of the plan of expansion that is to be submitted to the general meeting of the stockholders.

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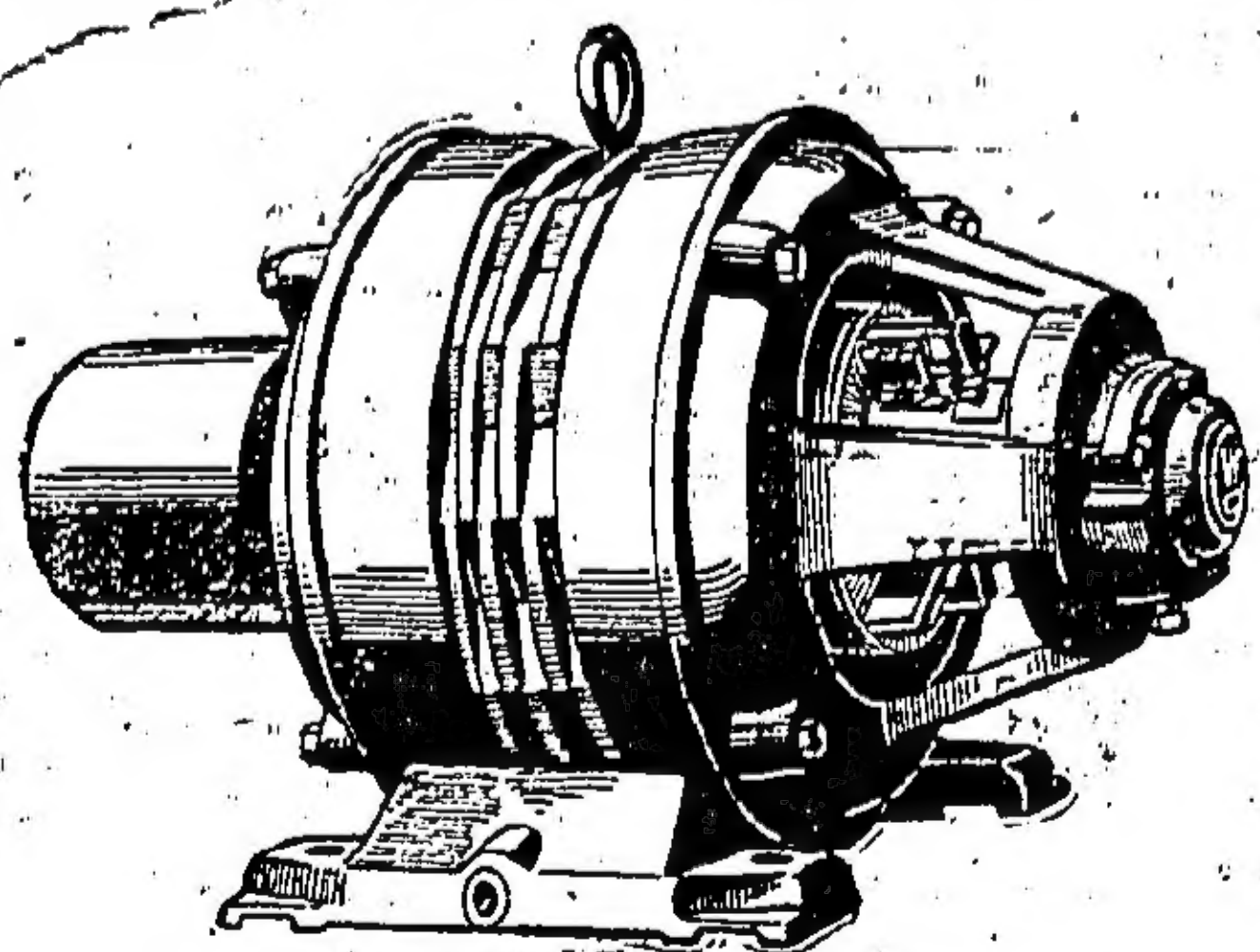
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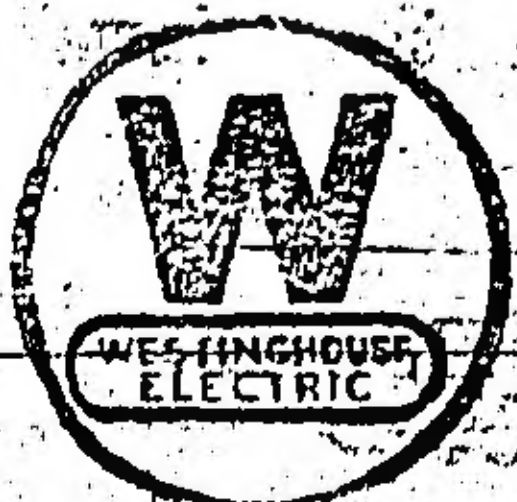
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cerns seeking Hongkong connections
as listed below—

No. 1277.—Peanut Shellers and
Graders.—The Appomattox Iron
Works and Supply Company Inc., of
Petersburg, Va., seek to introduce in
the South China field their line of
peanut and castor bean shellers,
graders, and planters, particularly a
peanut sheller suitable for the South
China trade.

No. 1278.—Sausages.—Messrs. L.
Frank and Son of Milwaukee, Wis.,
seek to introduce in the Hongkong
field their line of high grade sausages
and invite correspondence.

No. 1279.—Peanuts.—Messrs. Mu-
sher and Company of the Continental
Trust Building, Washington, D.C.,
seek samples and prices of South
China peanuts particularly so-called
Spanish peanuts. The company in-
vites correspondence particularly as
to the quantity of nuts available,
dates of crop, etc.

No. 1280.—Old Manila Cordage.—
The International Purchasing Com-
pany of 141 Milk Street, Boston,
Mass., seek consignments of old
Manila cordage suitable for use in
the manufacture of paper. Prices
and terms may be had at the Con-
sulate General.

No. 1281.—Plumbers' supplies,
Hardware, Stoves and ranges and
similar goods.—Mr. N. A. Hurwitz of
the firm of Holbrook, Merrill and
Stetson of Sixth, Bluxome and Town-
send Streets, San Francisco, Cal.,
proposes to visit Hongkong in the
near future and will be glad to get
in touch with local business men
interested in plumbers' and tinners'
supplies, metals, stoves and ranges,
and kitchen utensils. Mr. Hurwitz
can be reached in care of the Con-
sulate General.

No. 1282.—Dyes.—Mr. D. L. Silver-
man of 51-53 Maiden Lane, New
York City seeks Hongkong con-
nections in the trade in American dyes
and invites correspondence.

No. 1283.—Household and Office
Furniture and Millinery Goods.—The
Reactor Products Corporation of 2
Rector Street, New York City, seek
Hongkong connection for the sale of
their line of household and office
furniture, millinery goods and similar
products and invite correspondence.

No. 1284.—Victory Tractors.—The
Victory Tractor Company of the
Woolworth Building, New York City,
invite correspondence looking to the
introduction of their Victory Tractor.

A "FLIPLAP" AEROPLANE.

The *Globe* publishes an interview
with Mr. Passat, a Frenchman who
recently experimented with a "flip-
flap" aeroplane on Wimbledon Com-
mon, and who now announces that
the Air Ministry are taking an in-
terest in his experiment. His machine
appears to have been of the monoplane
type. It had two canvas wings on a
bamboo framework which were
flapped by hand by means of a lever
on each wing. It is claimed that
this strange machine flew a dis-
tance of 30 yards six feet from
the ground, which, considering the
initial performances of present-day
aeroplanes, is not by any means dis-
couraging for the inventor, though he
had no explanation to give why, by
flapping his wings a little more, he
was not able to fly further.

Mr. Passat has now constructed
another machine with two pairs of
wings, which are to be flapped by
means of a 25-horse-power A.B.C.
engine. As an experiment the per-
formance is interesting, but it
is not yet apparent what
advantages will accrue to outweigh
the obvious disadvantages of this
form of flight. It may to a certain
extent, as Mr. Passat points out,
solve the problem of direct lift, and
thus enable aeroplanes to rise with-
out a long preliminary run across
the ground, but if aeroplanes are to
have engines it seems to be much
more desirable that propulsion should
come direct through the thrust of
the propeller rather than through
interference with the general stability
of the wings.

No. 1285.—Medicinal Chemicals
and Pharmaceutical preparations.—
Messrs. Schering and Glatz, Inc., of
150-152 Maiden Lane, New York
City, seek Hongkong connections for
the sale of their line of American
made medicinal chemicals and phar-
maceutical preparations and invite
correspondence.

No. 1286.—Gas Producers.—
Messrs. Akerlund and Semmes, Inc.,
of 17 Battery Place, New York City,
seek to place on sale in Hongkong
their line of gas producers for the
production of fuel and other gas
from low grade semi-bituminous coal,
wood, etc. The company invites
correspondence.

No. 1287.—High Speed and Carbon
Tool Steel.—The Atlas Crucible Steel
Company of 116 Broad Street, New
York City, seek to place on sale in
Hongkong their line of high grade
tool steel and invite correspondence.
Hongkong, December 15, 1919.

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30 Varieties — All Delicious

The Cuisine of one of the finest chefs in the world available for your table.

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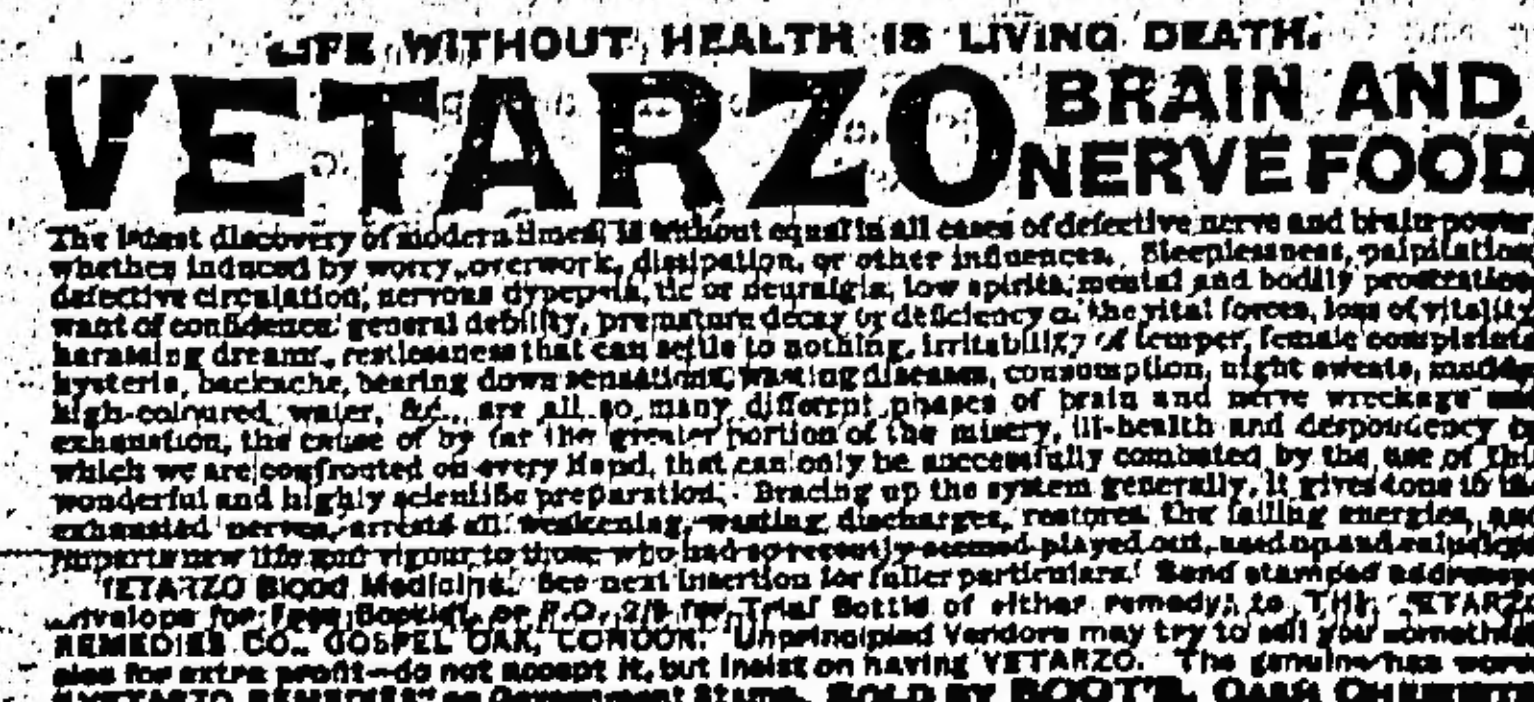
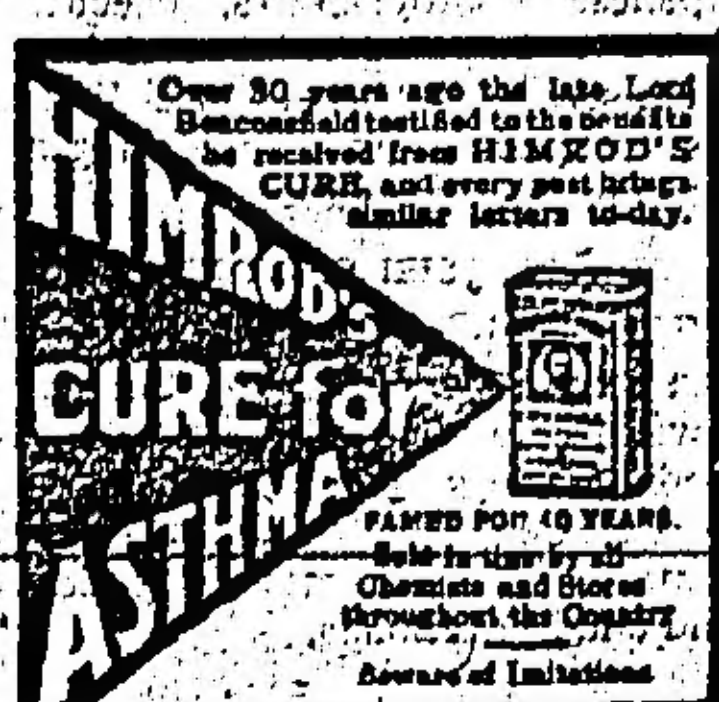
Chlorodyne is a liquid taken in drops, graduated according to the malady. It invariably
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of the nervous system when all other remedies fail; leaves no bad effects;
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KING GEORGE ON THE KAISER.

"HE IS WELL PUNISHED FOR WHAT HE DID."

Rev. Archibald Forder, an English missionary, who suffered bitter persecution at the hands of the Turks in Palestine for four years during the war, has just returned from the Holy Land.

He has many frightful tales to tell of Turkish misrule in Palestine, of the horrors of prison life in Jerusalem and Damascus, and of the cruelties of officials, who were even callous enough to confiscate the money allowed for the burial of British soldiers, and to cast the bodies of these brave men to the dogs.

Mr. Forder was received at Buckingham Palace by the King, who, on hearing of the terrible ordeals to which he had been subjected, was moved to indignation.

THE KING'S SYMPATHY.

"The King received me very kindly," said Mr. Forder to the *Daily Chronicle* representative, "and when I was telling my story he constantly broke in with exclamations expressing his disgust at the treatment I had experienced."

"I told him how my wife and children were separated from me, and how my wife subsequently died owing to the bad treatment she received from the Turks while I was in prison."

"He asked me if I was going out again to resume my work in Palestine. I said I was, and he remarked, 'Well, you will have a better time, because we are going to develop the country and look after the people well.'"

MADE THE KING LAUGH.

"I showed the King a Damascus newspaper, printed in Arabic and containing an article about himself. I had a translation with me, which the King read."

"His Majesty laughed heartily at the imaginative story given of himself, running into a cellar in Edgewood-road to escape from Zeppelin bombs and calling to the Queen to help him out of his trouble. He said he did not think he was so popular with the Turks as to be written about in their newspapers."

"I also told the King that the Germans had been instrumental in stirring up the Turks against me. He said—"

"Oh, the Germans are finished now. See what has happened to the Kaiser. He has had to run away from his own people and his own country and seek refuge in a neutral country, and he is well punished for what he did."

Mr. Forder bears witness to the hardships and captivity in Palestine. Five years ago he was a strong and athletic man, but although it is over a year since he was rescued, when the Australians entered Damascus, he is now but a shadow of his former self, and his right arm and side have been rendered almost useless owing to the damp state of the cells in which he was confined.—*Daily Chronicle*.

THE BEST COUGH MEDICINE.

CHAMBERLAIN'S Cough Remedy is the best-selling cough medicine in the world today because it does exactly what a cough medicine is supposed to do. It stops coughs and colds quickly and effectively. For sale by all Chemists and Storekeepers.

HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE.

HONGKONG, 19th DECEMBER, 1919.

OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS.

BANKS.	
Sterling Exchange 5/13 T. T.	Hongkong Bank, ... \$1035 b.
Macao Investments.	
Canton Ins.	... \$1400 s.
North China Ins.	... \$1170 s.
Union Ins.	... \$1180 n.
Yongkang Ins.	... \$1200 n.
Far East Ins.	... \$1220 n.
FIRE INSURANCE.	
China Fire Ins.	... \$1130 n.
Hongkong Fire Ins.	... \$1350 s.
SHIPPING.	
Douglas	... \$90 n.
H.K. Steamship	... \$120 n.
Indo-China (Def.)	... \$200 b.
Do (Def.)	... \$200 b.
Shell Transport	... \$110 n.
Star Line	... \$110 n.
RUBBER.	
China Sugars	... \$111 b. 2 1/2 ss.
Malayan Sugars	... \$111 b.
MINING.	
Kallian Mining Adm.	... \$90 b.
Langkai	... \$110 b.
Shanghai Loans	... \$110 b.
Shanghai Exploitation	... \$110 b.
Barbados	... \$110 b.
Tromps Mines	... \$110 b.
Ural Coalfields	... \$110 b.
DOCK, WHARF, GODOWN, &c.	
H. & K. Wharf	... \$90 b.
H. & W. Docks	... \$110 b.
Shai Docks	... \$110 b.
New Engineering	... \$110 b.
LAND, HOUSES & BUILDINGS.	
Central Estates	... \$1064 s.
Hongkong Hotels	... \$110 s.
Hongkong Lands	... \$110 s.
Hampshire	... \$110 s.
Kowloon Lands	... \$110 s.
Land Reclamation	... \$110 s.
West Point	... \$110 s.
CORPORATE.	
Ewo Cottons	... \$110 s.
Kung Yik	... \$110 s.
East King Mow	... \$110 s.
Oriental	... \$110 s.
Shanghai Cottons	... \$110 s.
Yangtze Paper	... \$110 s.
MISCELLANEOUS.	
Cement	... \$110 s.
China-Borneo	... \$110 s.
China Lights Old 8 1/2 & New 8 1/2	... \$110 s.
China-Provident	... \$110 s.
Dairy Farms	... \$110 s.
H.K. Electric	... \$110 s.
Macao Do.	... \$110 s.
Hongkong Paper	... \$110 s.
H.K. Tramways	... \$110 s.
Peak Tramways (Old)	... \$110 s.
do (New)	... \$110 s.
Steam Laundry	... \$110 s.
H.K. Steel Foundry	... \$110 s.
Water-works	... \$110 s.
Wilson	... \$110 s.
Wm. Fowells	... \$110 s.
Wiseman's	... \$110 s.

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EXCHANGE.

Hongkong, December 19, 1919.

On London—	... 5/13
Bank, Wire	... 5/13
On demand	... 5/13
30 days sight	... 5/13
4 months sight	... 5/13
6 months sight	... 5/13
Documentary, 4 months sight	... 5/13
On Paris—	... 100
On demand	... 100
Credit, 4 months sight	... 100
On New York—	... 96
On demand	... 96
Credit, 60 days sight	... 96
On Bombay—	... 218
On demand	... 218
On Calcutta—	... 218
On demand	... 218
On Shanghai—	... 218
On demand	... 218
30 days sight (private paper)	... 218
On Yokohama—	... 195
On demand	... 195
Gold Loan, 100 fine (per ton)	... 31.80
Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate) @ 3.85 n.	... 783
Silver (per oz.)	... 783

SUBSIDIARY OFFICE.

Hongkong 50 cents sub. ... par.

Chinese coins ... 1/2 p.m.

Bar Silver in Hongkong ... 1/2 p.m.

Chinese Copper Cash ... 1/2 p.m.

Rate of Native Interest ... 7 1/2 p.m.

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THE CHINESE MERCHANTS BANK, LTD.

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General Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Loans granted on approved securities.

Current Accounts opened and Fixed Deposits received at rates which may be ascertained on application.

The Bank also conducts a Savings Department.

DONG TOY,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, Sept. 15, 1919.

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Current Savings, and Fixed Deposits bear interest at Rates 2 1/2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490, 491, 492, 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 587, 588, 589, 590, 591, 592, 593, 594, 595, 596, 597, 598, 599, 600, 601, 602, 603, 604, 605, 606, 607, 608, 609, 610, 611, 612, 613, 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, 620, 621, 622, 623, 624, 625, 626, 627, 628, 629, 630, 631, 632, 633, 634, 635, 636, 637, 638, 639, 640, 641, 642, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649, 650, 651, 652, 653, 654, 655, 656, 657, 658, 659, 660, 661, 662, 663, 664, 665, 666, 667, 668, 669, 670, 671, 672, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677, 678, 679, 680, 681, 682, 683, 684, 685, 686, 687, 688, 689, 690, 691, 692, 693, 694, 695, 696, 697, 698, 699, 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709, 710, 711, 712, 713, 714, 715, 716, 717, 718, 719, 720, 721, 722, 723, 724, 725, 726, 727, 728, 729, 730, 731, 732, 733, 734, 735, 736, 737, 738, 739, 740, 741, 742, 743, 744, 745, 746, 747, 748, 749, 750, 751, 752, 753, 754, 755, 756, 757, 758, 759, 760, 761, 762, 763, 764, 765, 766, 767, 768, 769, 770, 771, 772, 773, 774, 775, 776, 777, 778, 779, 780, 781, 782, 783, 784, 785, 786, 787, 788, 789, 790, 791, 792, 793, 794, 795, 796, 797, 798, 799, 800, 801, 802, 803, 804, 805, 806, 807, 808, 809, 810, 811, 812, 813, 814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 845, 846, 847, 848, 849, 850, 851, 852, 853, 854, 855, 856, 857, 858, 859, 860, 861, 862, 863, 864, 865, 866, 867, 868, 869, 870, 871, 872, 873, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879, 880, 881, 882, 883, 884, 885, 886, 887, 888, 889, 890, 891, 892, 893, 894, 895, 896, 897, 898, 899, 900, 901, 902, 903, 904, 905, 906, 907, 908, 909, 910, 911, 912, 913, 914, 915, 916, 917, 918, 919, 920, 921, 922, 923, 924, 925, 926, 927, 928, 929, 930, 931, 932, 933, 934, 935, 936, 937, 938, 939, 940, 941, 942, 943, 944, 945, 946, 947, 948, 949, 950, 951, 952, 953, 954, 955, 956, 957, 958, 959, 960, 961, 962, 963, 964, 965, 966, 967, 968, 969, 970, 971, 972, 973, 974, 975, 976, 977, 978, 979, 980, 981, 982, 983, 984, 985, 986, 987, 988, 989, 990, 991, 992, 993, 994, 995, 996, 997, 998, 999, 1000.

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TIME TABLE.

WEEK DAYS.

7.00 a.m. to 8.00 a.m. Every 15 minutes.

8.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. Every 15 minutes.

11.00 a.m. to 12.45 p.m. Every 15 minutes.

12.45 p.m. to 1.15 p.m. Every 15 minutes.

1.15 p.m. to 1.45 p.m. Every 15 minutes.

1.45 p.m. to 2.15 p.m. Every 15 minutes.

2.15 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. Every 15 minutes.

5.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m. Every 15 minutes.

NIGHT CARS.

8.00 p.m. to 9.00 p.m. Every 15 minutes.

9.00 p.m. to 11.30 p.m. Every 30 minutes.

11.30 p.m. to 12.45 a.m. Every 15 minutes.

SUNDAYS.

7.30 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. Every 15 minutes.

10.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. Every 15 minutes.

11.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m. Every 15 minutes.

12.00 p.m. to 1.00 p.m. Every 15 minutes.

1.00 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. Every 15 minutes.

5.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. Every 15 minutes.

8.30 p.m. to 8.59 p.m. Every 15 minutes.

NIGHT CARS ON WEEK DAYS.

8.00 p.m. to 9.00 p.m. Every 15 minutes.

9.00 p.m. to 11.30 p.m. Every 30 minutes.

11.30 p.m. to 12.45 a.m. Every 15 minutes.

SPECIAL CARS BY ARRANGEMENT AT THE COMPANY'S OFFICE.

Reason and punch tickets available for all cars not already full running at the time stated in the Company's time-table, but not for special cars, can be obtained on application at the Company's Office.

No season ticket will be issued until payment therefor has been made in Bank Note or by Cheque or Compro order representing Bank Note.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.

BANKS.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL: \$10,000,000.

CHURCH SERVICES.

ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL.

AT SUNDAY IN ADVENT, December 21.

Holy Communion (7.30 a.m.)
Children's Service (10 a.m.)
Hymns, 60, 42, 325.
Matins (11 a.m.)
Responses, Psalms: Venice, Barnby;
Psalm, Trutbeck (18th evening);
To Dean, Woodward, Smart and
Turle; Benedicite, Beethoven (7th
morning).
Hymns, 48, 49.
Gospel: St. John.

God Save the King.
N.B.—Psalms 94, verses 1, 2, 14 and 16
in unison. Hymns 48, verses 8 in unison.
Ordination (12 noon).
Confirmation (8 p.m.)
Hymns, 77, 46, 342.
Voluntary, Ave Maria d'Arcadelt—
Liszt.
N.B.—Psalms in unison. Hymns
271, verses 4 in unison. Hymns 48, verses
8 in unison. Hymns 249, verses 1 and 8
in unison.
N.B.—Some traditional Christmas
Carols will be sung at Evensong on
Sunday next, December 22.

St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon.

AT SUNDAY IN ADVENT, December 21.

Holy Communion at 8.15 a.m.
Morning Prayer at 11 a.m.
Responses, Psalms: Venice, Macfarren;
Psalm, XCIV—Trutbeck (18th
evening); To Dean, Chabley—
(18th evening); Jubilate, Turner—
(9th morning); Hymns, 2 (Part 2),
67, 150, 81.
Evening Prayer at 6 p.m.
Responses, Psalms: Venice, Macfarren;
(18th morning); XCIV—Macfarren
(18th morning); XCIV—Macfarren
(18th evening); Magnificat, Barnby
(18th evening); Nunc Dimittis,
Heywood—(18th evening) Hymns,
2, 6, 398.
Vesper Hymn.

Union Church, Kennedy Road.

Sunday Services, December 21.
Morning Service, 11 a.m.
Sunday School Anniversary Service.
Christmas Hymns and Anthem.
Evening Service, 8 p.m.
Hymns, 47, 37, 44, 384. Paraphrase 39.
Subject, "Struggle and Song."
Prayers, Rev. J. Kirk Macdonald.
Collection for Sunday School.

St. Peter's Church, West Point.

Sunday, December 21.
8 a.m.—Holy Communion.
11 a.m.—Morning Prayer and Sermon.
Preacher: Rev. C. T. Waldgrave.

Park Church.

8.15 a.m.—Holy Communion.
6.30 Evening Service.

The Gospel Hall.

10 & 12 P. DOR STREET.
Weekly Services: Sunday, Breaking of
Bread for Believers only, 11 a.m.
Bible Study, Tuesday, 8.30 p.m. and
Thursday, 8 p.m.
Friday, Ladies' Bible Study, 8.30 p.m.
Saturday, Prayer Meeting, 8 p.m.

First Church of Christ Scientist,
MacDonnell Road.

Sundays, 11 a.m.
Wednesdays, 5.30 p.m.

Wesleyan Methodist Church,
Wanchai.

Morning Service, 10.15 a.m.
Evening Service, 8.15 p.m.
Special Evening service by augmented
Choir, commencing at 8 p.m. Sunday,
21st December, 1919.

Choir Festival.

Solo, "O Divine Redeemer," Miss Pearl.
Duet, "Thou liftest Thy divine
petition," Messrs. Davis and Jones.
Solo, "One Sweetly Solemn Thought,"
Miss Hansen.
Duet, "O Divine," Miss Brook and
Mr. Davis.
Solo, "O God have mercy," Mr. E. T.
Crocker.
ANTHEM, "Ye shall dwell in the land."
Choir, Miss Williams and Mr.
Hamer.
SKETCH, Rev. C. A. Gimblett, M.A.
Solo, "Abide with me," Mrs. Brown.
A special collection will be made on
behalf of Choir funds.

Soldiers' and Sailors' Home,
A-sen Street.

Sunday Evening, Gospel Meeting, 8 p.m.

St. Joseph's Church,
Garden Road.

Mass and Sermon at 10 a.m. followed
by the Benediction of the Blessed
Sacrament.

Roman Catholic Cathedral,
Gloucester.

Mass at 6, 7 and 9.30 a.m.
High Mass at 8 a.m.
8.30 p.m.—Benediction of the Blessed
Sacrament.

BILIOUS HEADACHE.

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biliousness and the headache dis-
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ASSOCIATION.

On Dec. 27 matches will be played
for France, by the following teams.
Mr. McCubbin is Captain of Scotland
and Black, Captain of England. The
Stand at the Club Ground is being
enlarged and admission will be by
ticket, \$1 each. Programmes will be
on sale at the match for 10 cents
each, also for charity (France).

CIVILIANS.

Colours:—Blue and White, at 2 p.m.
W. Mackenzie.
(Club)

A. Jackson. V. Xavier.
(Kowloon) (Kowloon)
Lee Hon-wing. C. Blake. P. Wheeler Cpt.
(South China) (United) (Kowloon)

A. Boyson. J. Lima.
(Club) (Kowloon)
C. May. Wei Chak-sang. Chan Pui.
(Club) (S. China) (S. China)

Sgt. Holdman. Pto. Brand. A. B. Trass.
(Wills) (R.N.) (R.N.)
Q.M.S. Sheriff. Pto. Cobb.
(Staff Dept.) (R.N.)

E.R.A. Harris. Cpl. Knight. Pto. Brown.
(R.N.) (S. & D.) (Wills)
Stoker Barratt. P.O. J. Goss.
(R.N.) (R.N.)

Cpl. Glenney.
(S. & D.)
SERVICES.
Colours:—Red

Reserves:
Civilians:—W. Gerrard (Club); P.
Brown (United).
Services:—Staff Sgt. Wain (S. & D.);
Sgt. Connor (S. & D.).
Referee:—Lieut. W. H. Snooks.
R.G.A.
Linesmen:—Messrs. V. F. M. De
Britto and J. P. Jones.

SCOTLAND.

Colours:—Blue, at 4 p.m.

G. Rodger.
(Club)
J. Stalker. J. M. McCubbin Capt.
(Club) (Club)

J.W.R. McPhail. J. Stewart. T. Chassels.
(Club) (Club) (Club)
H. M. McTavish. A. Stones.
(Club) (Navy)

J. B. Hamilton. J. Clark. J. Rodger.
(Club) (Police) (Club)
A. Morris. A. Graydon. W. Taylor.
(R.G.A.) (Ravy) (Kowloon)

W. Townsend. C. G. Green.
(R.E.) (R.G.A.)
H. Toms. W. Telford. M. L. Ralston.
(Navy) (R.G.A.) (Club)

C. H. Schenler. F. W. Blake Capt.
(Staff & Dept.) (Club)
W. E. Crocker.
(Navy)

ENGLAND.

Colours:—White.

Reserves:
Scotland:—J. Ralston (Club).
England:—W. Butler (R. G. A.).
A. Grimmett (Police).
Referee:—Mr. J. Coaker.
Linesmen:—Messrs. J. Rasmussen
and Ko Kin-fan.

GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

THE GIST OF IT.

A War office letter about officers'
refunds appears.
Mr. R. A. D. Forrest and Mr. J. A.
Fraser are appointed Cadets.
Mr. M. S. Northcote is elected to
the Licensing Board.
The Lear Steamship Company is
struck off the Register.

Who already
Wise in our negligence, have
secret feet
In some of our best ports, and
are at point
To show their open banner.
—King Lear, Act. III. Sc. 1.

ANSWERS TO
CORRESPONDENTS.

E. H. B.—Your trick of putting
the word "news" in inverted com-
mas, when referring to two whole
columns clipped from a publication
called *Answers*, touches our heart.
Brother, put it there. "Shake. As to
why such a clipping was not "ac-
knowledgeed," why worry? We
wouldn't lift such muck ourselves,
but if we did, we certainly wouldn't
acknowledge it.

CATHEDRAL NOTICES.—The omis-
sion of cathedral notices from the
China Mail having once been com-
mented on, we point out that to-day
they were handed to us at 10.30, and
we go to Press with our final pages
at 12, earlier pages (in which they
should appear) sooner. Is there any
reason why we should not have them
Friday evening?

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"DANCE FOR FRANCE."

THE MASKED BALL.

FUNCTION AT VOLUNTEER
HEADQUARTERS.

There must be a feeling of a little
disappointment that the masked ball
held at the Volunteer Headquarters
last night was not more largely
attended, especially considering that
its object was to augment the Hong-
kong Fund for the War Devastated
areas of France and that its prom-
oters had worked hard in the matter
of arrangements. The attendance
was less than generally expected but
nevertheless any amount of enjoy-
ment was got out of the dance. The
floor was 150 feet by 40 feet, made
of hardwood, it being laid under the
supervision of Mr. H. W. Bird.
Music was supplied by the Hongkong
Hotel orchestra. The dominoes
revealed good taste and attempts
at originality though the effect was
somewhat spoiled by little parties of
dancers wearing the same pattern.
Mrs. Matheson, who gained the first
prize wore a very attractive red
satin domino, while Mrs. Lucas, to
whom the second prize was awarded
who wore a dainty "Butterfly"
costume which was everywhere very
favourably commented upon. The
third prize went to a red and black
domino, which with a beard and
mask most effectively screened the
identity of the Hon. Mr. E. D. C.
Wolfe.

An unusual costume was that of
P. O. Lawrence, of H. M. S.
"Carleton," who was completely
draped in bath towels, while
attached to his costume, were all
the impedimenta of the Order of
the Bath, from tooth-paste to shaving
brush. This belt was formed of
two razor strops and he wore a
sponge head-dress. Mr. H. W. Lucas
made a dashing Dick Turpin replica
in red riding coat and high boots.
A very appropriate design was that
worn by Mr. A. Souza, who adorned
his black domino with advertise-
ments for Devastated France. Mrs.
J. A. L. Taylor was daintily dressed
as a pierrette. Mrs. Basil Tylor was
costumed as an Arab lady and Mr.
W. Ward as a coxswain. The judging
was carried out by Lady Rees Davies
and Mr. H. W. Bird, the latter acting
in the absence of the Hon. Mr. Claud
Seymour, C.M.G., owing to indisposi-
tion.

The dancing was characterized by
a certain amount of zest. Gentle-
men unable to find partners rapidly
paired off and a set of lancers gave
quite an opportunity for letting off
steam. Every dance was enjoyed
and the orchestra was very obliging.
In making the arrangements Mrs.
Hay had the assistance of Mr.
Wolfe, Lieut.-Col. Cross, Mr. H. W.
Bird and others. Mrs. Harston was
responsible for the collection of a
quantity of sweets which were on sale.
The Cabaret opens to-day at 3
p.m. It will have its "Everything"
and "Everything Else" stalls as
well as a chute.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

THE
CORONET
TO-DAY, at 2.30, 5.15 & 9.15 p.m.

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"THE TIGER'S TRAIL"

Episodes 13 & 14.

Booking at ANDERSON'S.

POST OFFICE.

A direct exchange of Money Orders
with the Republic of China will come
into operation on and after the 1st
January, 1920.

The Money Order Service with the
Philippine Islands will be resumed on
the 1st Jan., 1920.

The Services to Germany, Austria,
Bulgaria and the Ottoman Empire are
suspended.

No unofficial letter addressed to
Abedon, Alwas or Mohammarah in the
Persian Gulf may exceed eight ounces in
weight.

The insured letter and insured parcel
services between Egypt (or in transit
through Egypt) and Cyprus are tempo-
rarily suspended.

Uninsured parcels for the United
Kingdom will in future be forwarded
from Hongkong in bags and the Public
are therefore advised to pack such
parcels very carefully.

Until further notice parcels for civil
addresses in the provinces of Unino,
Vicenza, Treviso Padua, Venice and Bel-
luno in Italy will not be accepted for
transmission unless posted under the
British War Office Permit.

The Parcel Post Services to British
East Africa and Egypt (except for
members of the Expeditionary Forces),
and to Abyssinia, Banded, Frithree,
French Somali Coast, Italian Somaliland,
Portuguese East Africa, Zanzibar and
Russia have been suspended.

Registered and Parcel Mails are closed
15 minutes earlier than the time given
below unless otherwise stated, and where
a.m. registered and parcel mails are
closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day.

In the case of Mails closing before 5 a.m.,
Registration closes at 5 o'clock on the
previous evening.

INWARD MAIL.

MONDAY, December 22.
Shanghai—Per YINGCHOW.
U.S.A., Canada, and Manila—Per
EMPEROR OF RUSSIA.

TUESDAY, December 23.
Japan—Per TANGU MARU.

THURSDAY, December 25.
Straits—Per TANGU MARU.
Japan—Per SADO MARU.

MONDAY, December 27.
Bombay—Per TANGU MARU.
WEDNESDAY, December 31.
Straits—Per KISHIN MARU.

OUTWARD MAIL.

SUNDAY, December 21.
Macao—Per SUIYAN, 8.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa via Keelung
—Per AMARUSA MARU, 9 a.m.

TUESDAY, December 23.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa via Keelung
—Per SUIYAN, 11 a.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Formosa—Per
HAICHING, Noon.
Shanghai, North China and Japan via
Moji, Canada, United States,
Central and South America and
EUROPE via VICTORIA, B.C.
—Per MEXICO MARU. Regis-
tration 11.45 a.m. Letters
12.30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, December 24.
Saigon—Per TITBOET, 3 p.m.
Shanghai and North China—Per
TIMANOCK, 4 p.m.

Philippine Islands, Australia and New
Zealand via Thursday Island—
Per TANGU MARU. Regis-
tration 8.45 a.m. Letters
9.30 a.m.

Straits, Bangkok, Ceylon, Mauritius,
Central and South America and
EUROPE via SUEZ—Per IDOMENEUS.
Registration 9.45 a.m. Letters
10.30 a.m.
The Parcel Mail will be closed
on Tuesday, Dec. 23, at 5 p.m.

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